

From Paris to Tokyo, and Tel Aviv to London: the cry is 'Sell'



Dealers in Paris, Tokyo, Tel Aviv, London and dozens of other share markets round the world plunged into fresh orgies of selling yesterday, with eyes - and ears - fixed on how Wall Street was taking the strain

Wall Street steady after City plunge

London shares fell again, closing 250.7 down at 1,801.6 after fluctuating throughout the day.
The BP share offer will definitely go ahead in spite of a slump in the share price to 285p, compared with the 330p offer price.

US markets calmed after the Federal Reserve Board promised to provide liquidity to keep the markets solvent. Wall Street was up 22.2 at 1,760.94.
Chancellor Mr Nigel Lawson said the collapse of world stock markets was an "absurd over-reaction."

By Kenneth Fleet and John Bell

A chorus of soothing words from senior international figures - in which only Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, struck a note of dissonance - helped to bring intermittent relief to Wall Street yesterday after Monday's calamitous 508-point fall.

The Chancellor, in a BBC television interview, squarely blamed Mr James Baker, his American counterpart, for

prompting the sudden slump in world stock markets by public criticism of West Germany's intention to raise interest rates.

While Wall Street fluctuated wildly, London again fell vertically in a day of record dealings. At the close the FT-SE 100 index, which had fallen 249.6 points on Monday, shed another 250.7 points to 1,801.6. The FT 30 share index, having fallen 183.7 on Monday, fell another 190 points to 1,439.2.

In two days the FT-SE index has dropped by 21.74 per cent and the FT index by 20.62 per cent, wiping £94.3 billion off share values. The indices are now 26.27 per cent and 25.25 per cent below their July 16 peaks.

ment to prevent any big bankruptcies in sensitive areas of the American economy that might generate real panic. Wall Street surged at the opening to a gain in the Dow Jones industrial average of 182 points. The new-found relief did not last long when rumours again began circulating that at least two leading Wall Street investment houses were in dire straits as a result of the market's collapse. The Dow swung to register a fall of 67.2. Firm dealers helped to restore equilibrium. The Dow hit a high of 1,914.12 before retreating in the afternoon to 1,802.55, a gain of 63.81.

Meanwhile, Mr Baker had returned to Washington, having

Overnight, the Tokyo Stock Exchange took its lead from the collapse on Wall Street. The key Nikkei Dow Average plunged lower at each hourly reading to finish 3,836.48 points off. This represents a fall of 14.9 per cent, more than triple the previous largest one-day decline.

Despite hectic levels of activity - more than 500 million shares were traded in the session - the market remained open. According to one exhausted trader at the close, there was no sign of the panic conditions evident in New York the previous night. There were even signs of buyers moving in during the last two hours of trading, picking up shares at basement prices. "At least we remained open unlike Hong Kong and Sydney. The market mechanism coped well," said one broker. The finance minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, thought the market would recover quickly because of its liquidity.

Steep falls were recorded on the Johannesburg stock exchange in heavy trading, but dealers pointed out that in percentage terms they were less severe than those in London and the main Far Eastern markets. Industrial shares were worst hit as investors switched into gold, traditionally seen as a haven in times of financial turmoil. The industrial index shed 113 points to 2,152 with the overall market index off 144 points from its record high of 2,804 on Monday.

Australian markets experienced their worst day with an unprecedented £24 billion wiped off the aggregate value of listed shares. "No one alive has seen what we saw here today," said a senior broker. The market dropped almost 25 per cent in the wake of collapses seen in Northern Hemisphere exchanges. Stock futures, the best indicator of the outlook for Australian shares, were said to be indicating further steep falls.

In Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange chairman, Mr Ronald Li, suspended dealings for the rest of the week. The controversial move was, he said, designed to protect investors, but it was bitterly criticized in London and other financial centres. Mr Li rejected suggestions that Hong Kong's reputation as a centre for international investment would suffer. He blamed other world markets for the chaotic conditions seen in Hong Kong share trading on Monday.



Wall Street, which on Monday had sent fear and panic round every stock market, got away to a good start yesterday in response first to the decision of two leading banks, Chemical and Marine Midland, to rescind rises in their prime lending rates, second to an important statement by the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Dr Alan Greenspan. Dr Greenspan said that the Fed, "consistent with its responsibilities," was ready to support "the financial and economic system."

This was read as a commitment

Lawson calls for faith in economy

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, tried to calm anxious investors last night by saying there was no need to expect a rise in British interest rates and insisting that the BP share sale would go ahead.

He emphasized that the British economy had a strong base, and urged investors to plan for the long-term.

He blamed the dispute over interest rates between Mr James Baker, the US treasury secretary, and his German counterpart, for setting off the stockmarket share slide, saying it was a "row which should never have happened". He said markets had "grotesquely overreacted".

Mr Lawson is expected to report on the Stock Exchange collapse to Mrs Thatcher this morning after her return from Dallas. A meeting of ministers will follow. Mrs Thatcher was kept in touch with events yesterday by telephone, although she did not speak to the Chancellor.

Ministers resisted calls last night for a Commons statement on the collapse, taking the view that the behaviour of markets was not a government matter.

However, the Opposition is expected to ask the Speaker to grant time for a private notice question on the share slide today.

Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, said the crash showed that a free market approach to international economic relations had failed. "Free markets don't work," he said. There had been no effective international co-ordination of interest rates, exchange rates and economic expansion, although Mr Lawson and Mr Baker had made a small start in the Louvre accord.

Mr Smith called for a "more intelligent international approach to co-operation" and said that the way panic could be seen spreading through the time zones underlined the international dimension of interlocked economies.

"What has not kept pace with the internationalization of markets and economies is the capacity of governments to manage these economies on an international basis," he said.

While Mr Smith echoed the Chancellor's comments that part of the fall was due to the correction of overvalued markets, and also blamed the interest rate row between the Americans and Germans, Labour will challenge in the Commons Mr Lawson's assertion that the British economy is basically sound.

Mr Smith said the fall in British markets had been given an extra twist by bad

Iran warned that US can strike again

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, yesterday warned Iran that if it carried out its vows of vengeance, the US would retaliate with "additional responses" to "drive the message home" that it would not tolerate attacks on merchant shipping.

In a series of television interviews he said the US either enforced its principle of freedom of the seas, or it gave up and walked away. "It is very clear that we would not and should not do the latter," he said.

Mr Vladimir Petrovsky, a Soviet deputy Foreign Minister who has been attending the United Nations General Assembly, yesterday called at his own request on Mr Michael Armacost, the Under-Secretary of State for political affairs, to discuss the Gulf crisis.

Mr Petrovsky deals with the Middle East, Afghanistan and regional trouble spots.

Meanwhile, the State Department yesterday reiterated its strong advice to Americans not to travel to Iran.

Mr Weinberger said the only condition under which the US would decrease the level of its forces in the Gulf would be "when and if the Iranian behaviour changes, or when and if the other nations of the world take sufficient action to dry up the Iranians' ability to get the materials necessary to carry out these indiscriminate attacks".

He also said the US had the capability to destroy the Iranian Silkworm missile sites.

The US was prepared for any eventuality in the Gulf, but did not look on the latest incident as a war.

"We're not at war. We're not seeking to expand the conflict. We're not seeking to have any kind of additional aggressive measures at all," he said.

His tough remarks were generally endorsed by Congress, which has given full backing to the US strike on the Iranian oil platform. But pressure grew in the Senate yesterday.

Washington (AP) - The US Navy began a new convoy operation for reflagged Kuwaiti tankers yesterday just one day after American ships destroyed Iranian offshore platforms in the Gulf.

The Pentagon said the new convoy - two reflagged Kuwaiti ships and the guided-missile frigate USS Ford - were heading south toward the Strait of Hormuz.

Revenge vow page 8

terday to force President Reagan to invoke the War Powers Resolution, or to accept a similar resolution which could put a time limit on the escorting of reflagged Kuwaiti tankers.

Mr Weinberger, however, yesterday repeated the Administration view that the resolution was unconstitutional.

The US strike, long expected here, has quickly been played down as the nation is preoccupied with the economic situation and the Wall Street crash.

US jet hits hotel, kills 14

Indianapolis (Reuters) - A US Air Force fighter jet clipped the roof of a bank and exploded in flames in the lobby of a hotel near Indianapolis airport yesterday, killing at least 14.

The pilot of the A-7 Corsair, based at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, parachuted to safety after radioing a distress call from 30,000 feet that he had suffered an engine flame-out.

The jet hit the roof of a bank building about half a mile east of the airport and slammed into the lobby of the seven-story, 230-room Ramada Inn.

The Marion County Coroner's Office said an undetermined number of people were injured. One report said all those killed were in one room attending a business seminar.

Police said they believed there were 170 people in the hotel.

Six die in Cessna crash at Stansted

Six people died yesterday when a Cessna twin-engine aircraft crashed near Stansted airport (Harvey Elliott writes).

The Cessna had just taken off when the pilot reported "a problem". As he made a tight turn the aircraft nose-dived into a forest and exploded. Rescue workers found no survivors.

Last night the dead were named as Mr Malcolm Lamprell, the pilot and his wife Susan of Sawbridgeworth, Mr James Branch and his wife Pauline of Harlow, Anne Collins of Sawbridgeworth and Mr Roger Watterson of Elsenham.

Hurd has to rethink extradition

By Sheila Gann
Political Staff

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has been forced to rethink his attempt to modernize the extradition laws after complaints by senior legal figures in the House of Lords that British nationals could be treated unfairly.

Labour and Alliance peers agreed last night to withdraw an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill which would sabotage the simpler system for extraditing criminals to other countries only after Lord Cuthbert, the Home Office minister, agreed to re-examine the Bill.

However, the Government is expected to try for sort of compromise before the next stage of the Bill. Mr Hurd had wanted to abolish the need for countries wanting to reclaim their criminals to demonstrate a prima facie case.

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Soviet mind control exposed under eye of KGB

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

A daring campaign to publicize the plight of scores of sane Soviet political prisoners still held in special psychiatric hospitals was launched yesterday at a press conference behind locked doors - a stone's throw from the Soviet Aviation Ministry.

Western reporters, whose arrival was watched by the KGB from a curtained-off green van, were able to hear for the first time an account of conditions in one of the special mental hospitals by a man recently released after being incarcerated since 1982. We also heard the voice of a clandestinely-recorded female inmate, aged 37, still under detention.

more reminiscent of journalistic life in pre-Gorbachev times. Mr Vladimir Titov, a pale-looking former KGB lieutenant, aged 49, described life inside the notorious Sychyovka Hospital, from which he was released on October 9, days before his case featured in a special human rights television link between Moscow and Washington.

Claiming still to be suffering from the drugs haloperidol and amazin, with which he was treated as a form of punishment, Mr Titov claimed he had been sent to the hospital because he was classified as "schizophrenic" for giving information to Western contacts about Soviet prison labour being used on various energy projects, including a pipeline linking Siberia with Western Europe.

"I estimate that 20 per cent of the 1,000 inmates were like me, perfectly healthy, and in there because of their beliefs," he said. "A number were Baptists. The Soviet police often claim that people who proclaim their belief in God are mentally sick because they believe in something that no one can see."

Speaking to more than 30 journalists packed into a small second-storey room, Mr Titov described the unpleasantness of life in the special hospital (of which 18 are now believed to be functioning) in agonizing detail. The perimeter was electrified and guarded by soldiers, while each of the "psychiatrists" wore epaulettes because they were performing a military function.

because of disillusionment with its methods, has seen his case become a cause célèbre in the West - which explains why shortly before last week's television "bridge", he was set free and given by KGB agents a valid visa to Israel, although he is not Jewish.

"In the hospital, they make a practice of putting normal people into wards and cells with those who are really mentally ill. They know it has a terrible psychological effect," he explained. "There are no nurses as such, just ordinary convicts who act as orderlies. Although the patients are officially registered as sick, they are forced to work." A haunted-looking figure in shabby clothes, Mr

Mr Titov, who left the KGB in 1961

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Br Telecom	222	down 18
Br Gas	140	down 8
BP	285	down 30
S Aerospace	447	down 29
BA	162	down 23
BAA	117	down 32
Britoil	246	down 18
Enterprise	257	down 18
Rolls-Royce	152 1/2	down 31 1/2
TSB	125	down 9
ICI	1250	down 150
GE	189	down 17
Nat West	522	down 38
Jaguar	404	down 59
Beecham	387	down 74
Grand Met	443	down 75
Royal Ind	432	down 60
Lucas	604	down 98
Allied-Lyons	352	down 35
Guinness	266	down 59
Tate & Lyle	758	down 71
Boots	245	down 31
ASDA-MFI	165	down 13

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Soccer shares

Football fans will have a chance to own shares in Wembley after a merger between the private company owning the stadium and GRA, the property and greyhound racing group. Page 25

Ibrox inquiry

Police are to launch an inquiry into violent scenes at Ibrox last Saturday when three players were sent off during the Celtic-Rangers match. Page 48

Portfolio

Two readers shared the £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition. Details, page 3.
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NEWS SUMMARY

New union for Civil Servants

A new union was created yesterday by the merger of the Civil Service Union (CSU) and the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS). To be known as the National Union of Civil and Public Servants, it will be the second largest in the country and will give its 120,000 members more influence with the Government.

The two unions had been talking about a merger for two years. The results of their ballots were announced in London. The CSU voted for the merger by more than five-to-one (15,441 in favour and 3,226 against) in a 64 per cent turnout of its members. The SCPS vote was about two-to-one (17,621 in favour and 8,193 against) in a 30 per cent poll.

Mr Leslie Christie, general secretary of the SCPS, is to be leader of the new union. He said that the result of the twin ballots meant a breakthrough for trade union unity in the Civil Service and public bodies.

Lecturers on strike

Two thousand polytechnic and college lecturers in Manchester went on strike yesterday over a 7 per cent pay offer.

The National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education says the rise, which would give lecturers salaries of between £12,063 and £15,800, makes college staff worse off than comparable school-teachers and university staff.

Lecturers in London colleges will strike today, with staff in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Brighton out tomorrow.

Death of exam boy

Adrian Fletcher, the boy who passed five O levels at higher grades after sitting the examinations while wearing an oxygen mask to overcome the effects of cystic fibrosis, has died after collapsing at his home in Chesham, Hertfordshire, aged 15.

Goffs School is planning to hold a special assembly on Friday when readings and prayers will be led by Dr Colin Hadley, the headmaster, who said: "Right from the start, Adrian was determined that he should be treated as an ordinary boy."

Bill given more time

Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Tote, has won more parliamentary time for his Bill to legalize horse racing and other sporting events on Sundays.

The detailed committee stage of the Sunday Sports Bill had been pencilled in for late one evening this month and that could have prevented many peers from supporting it.

However, the pro-Sunday racing lobby complained that the timing could jeopardize their chances of getting the Bill through Parliament.

Security protest

Union leaders representing MPs' secretaries and research assistants yesterday protested at Commons security measures after a dispute over the employment by a Labour MP of an Irishman cleared of murdering an RUC officer.

The Government announced a seven-day delay in issuing security passes to newly appointed employees of MPs. Mr Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, had employed as a researcher Mr Roman Bennett, whose conviction for murder was quashed on appeal.

Runcie rescue

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has volunteered to act as a "casualty" to be airlifted by a Royal Navy helicopter during an air-sea rescue demonstration being staged for him off the Cornish coast.

But Dr Runcie's wish to dangle between sky and sea at the end of a thin steel cable may depend on the Ministry of Defence giving approval.

He will be in Cornwall to take part in the centenary celebrations of the consecration of Truro Cathedral on November 3.

More executives rebel against job relocation

By Ronald Fann
Employment Affairs
Correspondent

A growing number of executives are rejecting offers of better jobs in new locations because of the disruption they entail, the Institute of Manpower Studies finds in a survey of the problem published yesterday.

Companies are finding it more necessary to relocate managers and professional staff but the staff are increasingly reluctant to move.

The survey cites disrupted home and social life, dif-

ferences in house prices between north and south, inadequate promotional pay increases, the unattractiveness of certain relocation areas and interrupted education as some of the reasons for that reluctance.

Mr John Atkinson, Institute of Manpower Studies research fellow and author of the report, *Relocating Managers and Professional Staff*, said that although employers were increasingly concerned about the growing resistance, instead of coming to grips with a complex, and many-sided difficulty, they had gone in for

"knee-jerk" responses, throwing more money into relocation packages and leaning on the Inland Revenue to subsidize them.

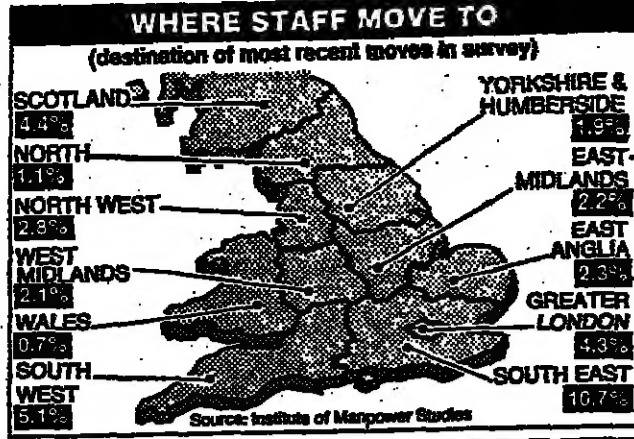
"It will not do and I think they realize it will not do but most of them are at a loss to know what else to do", Mr Atkinson said.

About 250,000 workers are relocated each year by their companies and the survey shows that willingness to be mobile was strongly conditioned by age; those in their twenties, particularly the high flyers and those with specialist skills, were a third more likely

to have moved in the last decade than those in their thirties.

A third of the sample had rejected a new job in the last decade simply because they did not wish to move, two-thirds were motivated primarily by the opportunity for career advancement and one third by the prospect of a higher salary.

Workers who refused to be relocated were rarely penalized directly but they could be removed from promotion lists, lose seniority and access to senior promotion, the survey says.



British firms do first deal under Awacs agreement

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Boeing aircraft company, which undertook to offer British defence firms 1.4 billion dollars (\$850 million) in contracts as part of last year's Awacs deal with the United States, yesterday announced the first agreement valued at 120 million dollars.

Mr Mark Miller, president of Boeing, gave a firm promise in London yesterday that the whole deal would be completed within the eight years agreed between the two countries - but he gave a warning that British companies would have to show they were competitive.

Mr Miller was speaking at the opening in London of a Boeing office that will handle the "offset" contract. More than 100 British firms have so far visited the company's headquarters in Seattle since January this year to be told of the opportunities available.

Yesterday, Boeing said British companies would have to be more aggressive in seeking contracts with the American company. "We are not going to pay a premium to British companies just to meet our offset agreement", one official said.

Last December Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced that Britain would be buying Awacs early warning aircraft for \$860 million after cancelling the British Nimrod project at a loss to the taxpayer of \$930 million. Boeing offered a unique 130 per cent

offset deal to win the contract.

Yesterday, at the opening of the offset office in London, Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said he recognized that the Boeing offer was not welcomed by the US Congress nor by American defence companies.

He agreed that British companies would have to give value for money if they wanted to benefit from the unprecedented opportunities to gain access into the US market.

Yesterday's announcement of the first 20 offset contracts included a 12 million dollar (\$7.1 million) award to Rediffusion Simulation of Crawley, Sussex, to build the UK Awacs simulator to be used to train RAF flight crews.

Mr Tom Manning, vice-president of the new London-based Boeing organization, said yesterday that the unique 130 per cent offset offer had been made to the British Government to help compensate for the cancellation of the Nimrod project. He also said that the offset deal could be worth 1.7 billion dollars if the Government decided to take up the option of buying two more Awacs.

Mr Manning said that there were no costs penalties if Boeing failed to complete the offset deal within eight years but there was an agreement that the period could be extended.



St Peter's Church in Eaton Square, Belgravia, west London, stands gutted yesterday after a fire destroyed church property worth nearly \$2 million. Arson is suspected.

The fire is believed to have started close to the main altar soon after a matinee service began. It spread rapidly, engulfing the whole building, causing the roof to collapse and forcing three families to be moved from Upper Belgravia Street because of the heat.

The vicar, the Rev Desmond Tillyer, said: "I am at a loss for words: the church is loved, cared for and used daily as a symbol of faith. We will go on as a church, using the church school."

A police spokesman said the incident could be linked to a fire less than 24 hours earlier at St Matthew's church in Westminster.

(Photograph: Graham Wood)

Ministers settle on budgets

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is on course to make its autumn economic statement next month after smoother progress than it expected in talks on public spending between ministers and the Treasury.

It is expected to exceed its target for 1988-89 by between £2 billion and £3 billion, an outcome which will allow it to claim that it has achieved its objective of reducing public expenditure as a proportion of gross national product.

All the main spending ministers are understood to have settled with Mr John Major,

Chief Secretary to the Treasury. The only substantial issue still to go before Lord Whitehall's "star chamber" the final Whitehall court of appeal, is understood to be the attempt by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and Mr Chris Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, to increase overseas aid.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is thought to have won at least part of the extra £60 million he was seeking for school buildings. Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is

believed to have gained agreement for raising child benefit in line with inflation.

That will not satisfy such senior Conservative MPs as Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Cabinet minister, who spoke yesterday of the Treasury's irrational prejudice against child benefit. He called on Mr Moore to make up for the 1987 shortfall. To reduce its relative value by operating it only in line with inflation would be mean and inappropriate to the party of the family, he said in a speech to the Oxford Tory Reform Group.

National grid 'must be kept together'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The management and the main trade union in the electricity industry both said yesterday that the power station network and the national grid should be kept together when the Government privatizes the industry.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, has said more competition will be introduced and has ruled out privatizing as a single unit the 12 area electricity boards and the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The industry is pointing to the successful way it prevented power cuts in the South last week from spreading throughout the country by manipulating power into the national grid.

Mr John Baker, the board's corporate managing director, said: "Our prices have been cut 15 per cent in real terms in the last five years."

Mr John Lyons, the general secretary of the Engineers and Managers' Association, which represents power station and national grid staff, said: "Friday's hurricane has highlighted the supreme importance of the national grid and the transmission system remaining with the CEGB."

Mr Lyons also said that a letter sent to him by Mr Parkinson does not deny suggestions that the Government is planning to increase electricity prices by 25 per cent in the three years before privatization. The opposition of the National Union of Public Employees to the privatization of water will be given in detail today by Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, the union's general secretary, when he launches a parliamentary lobbying campaign.

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Shipyard workers win benefits claim

The Government is to pay more than £1.3 million to shipyard workers who claimed that they were wrongly denied unemployment benefit after being made redundant.

Officials from the Department of Employment have spent seven months inquiring into 22,000 cases, some going back more than 10 years. The majority, 16,000, were in the North-east, which bore the brunt of shipbuilding job losses. A team of 15 Civil Servants investigated every case.

It judged that about 1,000 claims were wrongly disallowed at the time and awards have been paid. A further 4,000 cases have been identified, involving workers who were advised not to claim at the time and therefore did not receive the maximum amount of unemployment

benefit to which they were due.

A Department of Employment spokesman in the region said yesterday that although benefit in those cases could not be paid because the claim fell outside the 12 months' deadline for backdated applications, equivalent special payments would be made.

The result of investigations into the 6,000 claims made elsewhere in the country are not yet available.

The department faced thousands of claims earlier this year after the Social Security Commissioners ruled that a former employee of the British Shipbuilders subsidiary, Vosper Thornycroft in Southampton, was entitled to 13 weeks' benefit because his redundancy payment did not include 13 weeks wages in lieu of notice.

Champions level as Karpov resigns

Anatoly Karpov, the challenger, resigned the fourth game of his title duel yesterday with the world champion, Gary Kasparov, without resuming play in the adjourned position.

Kasparov's victory levels the match score at two points each.

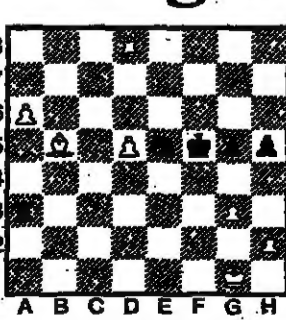
After his loss in the second game, Kasparov has regained the psychological initiative. The Spanish commentator and chess expert, Sr Leontxo Garcia, said: "He scored a fine technical win, and his characteristic pride and energy have won through over the nerves he was exhibiting earlier."

Playing white, Kasparov, aged 24, had sealed his 41st move on Monday night, two pawns ahead in an endgame.

The chief arbiter, Mr Gert Gijssen, of Holland, announced Kasparov's sealed move was Rd8.

Overnight analysis of the position had convinced experts that Karpov's chances of holding a draw were hopeless.

But expectations that Karpov, aged 36, would resign before play restarted yesterday led to scenes of confusion in the press room of the Lope de Vega theatre in Seville where



The final positions of the world championship match began on October 12.

Just before noon, it was announced that Karpov had resigned the game.

White	Black	22	Bh3	Nb8
1	Nb3	23	Rc3	Qd5
2	Nc3	24	Qd4	Rd4
3	Nb3	25	Qe4	Rd4
4	g3	26	Rd7	Rd3
5	Sg2	27	Rd7	Rd3
6	Qd4	28	Rd7	Rd3
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Karpov resigns.

Girl gives evidence in sex assault case from behind screen

A girl aged 13 yesterday became the first child in England to give evidence against alleged child molesters without the ordeal of facing the accused in court.

In spite of a specially-built screen to shield her from seeing three men accused of attacking her and other elaborate precautions taken in court, the girl wept when asked to describe what had happened.

As she sobbed she was given water and hugged by a social worker sitting next to her. After a few minutes she managed to continue.

The judge and lawyers in the case, at the Central Criminal Court, had removed their traditional wigs and gowns before the girl came into court.

She is the first of five children, aged between seven and 13, who will give evidence in the alleged child sexual abuse case brought against two brothers and a third man. They have denied the charges.

When Mrs Patricia May, for the prosecution, sat next to the teenager and asked what happened just before she stopped living at home, the girl broke down in tears.

Gradually she recovered and said she had gone out to babysit. Instead she was taken out by two men who had visited two public houses and had given her wine.

When they returned to the flat she was given more wine, she said, and one of them asked her to undress.

She said she did and sat between them on a sofa but could not remember much about what had happened. One of them, she said, had touched her private parts and hurt her.

In a whisper, she said she had fallen asleep on the sofa but remembered waking up to find a dog licking her face.

Mrs May asked whether anything like that had happened to her before. "Take a look at the dog," she said.

One of the doctors at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse controversy wanted "the recognition of being the person who had brought this to the attention of the world", a police inspector said yesterday.

Mr Colin Makepeace, a community relations officer, was giving evidence at the trial inquiry into the deaths of two children.

He believed Dr David Higgs of Middlesbrough General Hospital and Mr. Sue Richardson, Cleveland Council's child abuse consultant, were "not acting in the best interests of the children involved".

The inquiry continues today.

Mr Peter Hunt, for the defence, asked the girl if she was given money for doing "these things" and she said one of the brothers had given her about £1, which she had spent on soft drinks. She denied ever asking for money.

Her stepfather, aged nine, was the second child to give evidence.

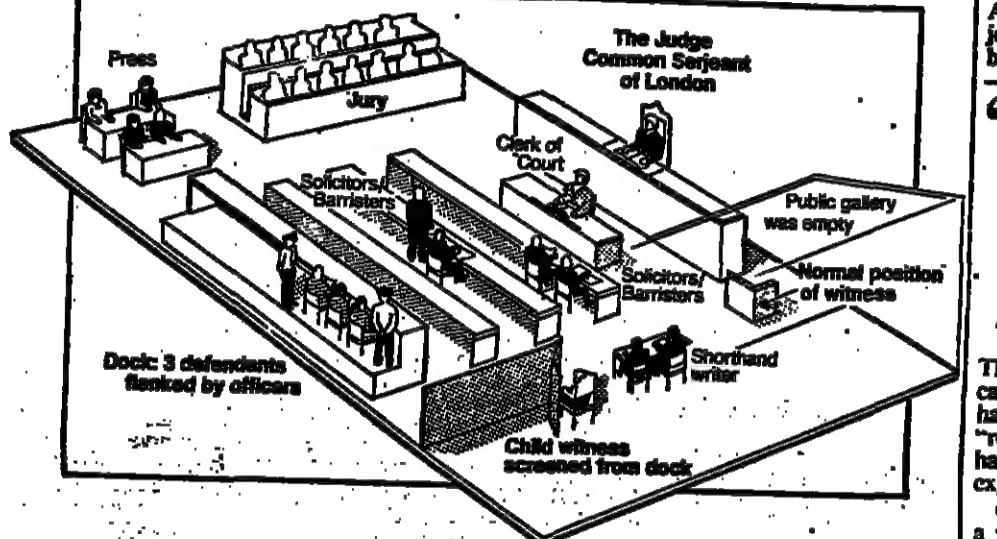
Fully-clothed anatomically correct dolls were shown to her and she pointed out where she had allegedly been touched by one of the defendants.

Mrs May told the judge that "perhaps understandably" the girl had not been able to bring herself to answer some of the explicit questions on what had happened to her.

Judge Pigot said he did not think it was helping the girl, who began sobbing.

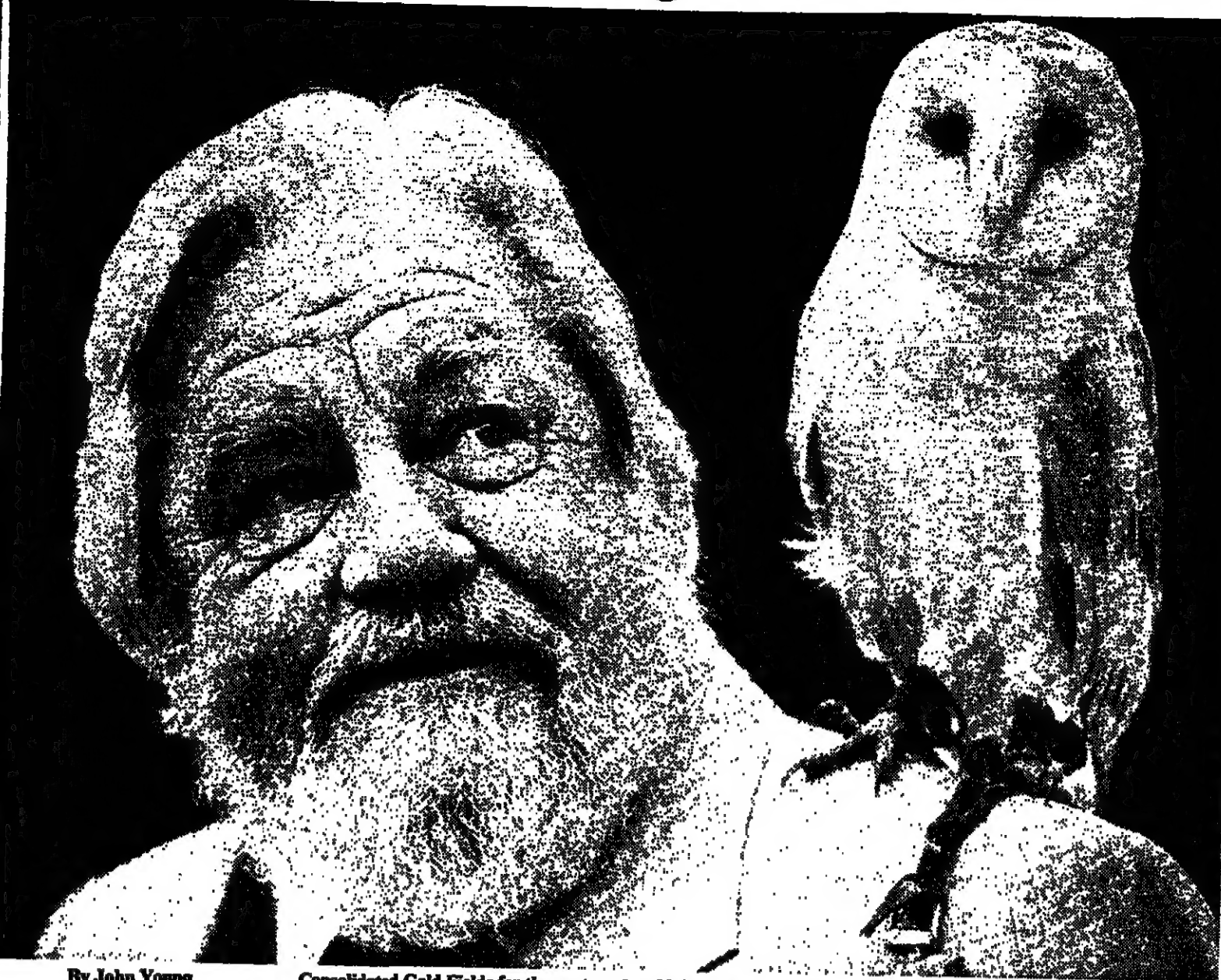
She left the court in obvious distress.

The trial continues today.



How the girl was shielded at the Central Criminal Court yesterday from the accused.

Modern life is killing off the barn owl



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A survey conducted between 1982 and 1985 by Mr Colin Shawyer, concludes that the two main reasons for the decline are changes in weather and farming methods. The only other survey was made in 1932, since when the owl population has fallen by 70 per cent to 5,200 breeding pairs.

In the first forty years of this century, only one winter had more than 20 days of snow cover. Since then 21 winters have reached this level, depriving the owls of the small rodents on which they prey.

The disappearance of the farm horse and its feed, has also reduced rodents and thus, indirectly, the barn owl.

More intensive farming has removed hedgerows and rough grassland in which barn owls hunt and between 3,000 and 5,000 are estimated to have been killed by traffic. Death from the consumption of poisoned rodents is also an increasing threat.

The campaigners hope to recreate corridors of grassland habitat between existing owl communities. Sir David says: "Surely the barn owl is one of those species that we should treasure."

(Photograph: Chris Harris)

The Barn Owl in the British Isles - its Past, Present and Future. The Hawk Trust, Freepost, Beckenham, Kent. £6.95.

'Wayward' typhoon hit ship

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

The prudent efforts of a ship's captain to save his vessel may have been defeated because a "rogue" typhoon did not behave in the expected way, an expert said yesterday.

Captain James de Coverly, a principal nautical surveyor at the Department of Transport, was speaking at the official inquiry into the disappearance of the bulk carrier, Derbyshire, south of Japan in September 1980, with the loss of 44 lives.

He said Captain Geoffrey Underhill, of the Derbyshire, had altered course when still several hundred miles from the typhoon, to pass ahead of it. On the information available to him, Captain Underhill had been wise to take action. However, the typhoon did not follow the usual path.

Captain de Coverly said standard reference works declared ships should avoid getting within 50 to 75 miles of a typhoon. He considered this distance should be increased.

The inquiry also took brief evidence from Mr Peter Ridyard, whose son was an officer in the Derbyshire. He said he was trying to obtain steel plates from the Kowloon Bridge, a sister ship of the Derbyshire, which broke up off the south coast of Ireland last year, to see whether they show the defects as in the Derbyshire.

The hearing continues.

Rail disaster Train used to check bridge

By Craig Seton and Ruth Gledhill

board were a permanent way inspector and a customer services manager, said at the scene of the disaster yesterday that there had been no check on the 130 year old masonry piers supporting the bridge before the train ran. British Rail engineers believed that at the time the train began to cross the 240ft long bridge, the river had risen to within two inches of the superstructure.

Mr Ken Bailey, aged 68, of Swansay, where her family lives, said her brother got up before dawn to catch the 5.20am train from Swansay to Shrewsbury. He had been boarding at the private college for two weeks, returning each weekend.

The boy's parents were told of his death in Saudi Arabia, where his father works as a doctor. They were flying home yesterday.

The two other passengers who died were Mr Benjamin Evans, aged 63, and his wife, Patricia, aged 60, from Ammanford, Dyfed.

The fourth victim was Mr John Churchill, aged 58, the train driver, who lived at Black Mill, near Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan.

Miss Penny, speaking in

Inquiry call on speedboat crash helmets

A coroner yesterday called for an investigation into the wearing of crash helmets by speedboat crews.

Mr Keith Chesterton, the Isle of Wight coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death on three Frenchmen whose powerboat overturned in the wash of an oil tanker at more than 100mph.

The inquest was told that the accident, in the 175-mile Needles Race on August 23, killed Didier Pironi, aged 35, the former French racing driver; Bernard Giroux, aged 38, a journalist; and Jean Claude Guenard, aged 42, an engineer.

Group Captain David Glaister, a member of the British Standards Institute, told the inquest that the helmets the men were wearing flew off before impact.

Murder jury is told of accused man's disgust

A man accused of five murders told a jury yesterday that he was "numb and disgusted" at the part he had played in the raid on the house of the wealthy Cleaver family.

Asked by his counsel at Winchester Crown Court, Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, to describe the night when four people were burned alive and a fifth was raped and strangled, Mr George Daly said that he went to sit down in a bedroom next to the one where Mrs Wendy Cleaver was allegedly being raped by another of the accused, Mr George Stephenson.

"At that stage I was numb and disgusted with what had happened", he said.

"Are you still disgusted with yourself?" Mr Palmer asked.

Mr Daly replied: "Yes, very".

He said that he had no idea anyone would be killed in the house at Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and the rape "wasn't supposed to happen".

Mr Daly said that he later threw a burning firelighter into the petrol-soaked bedroom where four members of the Cleaver family lay, after Mr Stephenson said they were all dead. He now realized that they had still been alive.

Mr Daly, aged 25, his brother John, aged 21, of Deedmore Road, Coventry, and Mr Stephenson, of Elgar Road, Coventry, deny murdering Joseph Cleaver, his wife Eileen, their son Thomas, his wife Wendy, and Mrs Cleaver's nurse Margaret Murphy. Mr Stephenson and Mr George Daly also deny rape and robbery, which John Daly has admitted.

The case continues today.

Degas painting may fetch £4m at London sale

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Christie's is to sell one of Edgar Degas' great paintings in London on November 30. It is "Les Blanchisseuses" or "The Laundry Maids", possibly the best version of a subject he made famous, and the auction house is hailing it as "the most important oil painting by the artist to appear on the market since the war", with an estimate in excess of £4 million.

The painting arrived in London after a nail-biting interlude while the French authorities held it in customs. "As it's a masterpiece, they obviously wanted to think very hard about letting it go", said Mr James Roundell of Christie's, adding that France already had a version of the subject at the Musée D'Orsay in Paris.

Degas painted the young women - one ironing as the other takes a break with a stretch and a yawn - between 1874 and 1876. He horrified the establishment by portraying the coarser side of life, but to Degas his subjects were as beautiful as they were true. "Everything is beautiful in this world of people", he said to his friend, James Tissot.

The painting was originally sold to the French baritone Jean Baptiste Faure, who soon sold it to Paul Durand-Ruel, the far-sighted Parisian dealer who championed the Impressionists. He in turn sold it to a New York collector in 1893, only to buy it back two years later. The fact that it has remained in the family's collection to this day gives the painting extra appeal: the perfect watertight provenance. It is being sold by Mr and Mrs Philippe Durand-Ruel, who will use the money to buy contemporary art.

As is the fashion these days, the painting will be displayed in New York and Tokyo before the auction. "We expect interest from the major museums of the world", said Mr Roundell. The most likely British contender is the National Gallery, which already represents a wide range of Degas subjects.

● Sotheby's completes its current spate of house sales today by selling the final contents at Mount Juliet in Co Kilkenny, Ireland. Buoyed yesterday by a fair turn-out of London and Paris dealers, the auction house raised £1.3 million.

The top two lots - both seventeenth century landscapes with animals by Melchior de Hondecoeter - fetched £164,439, and were both bought by the New York Newhouse Gallery.

Colnaghi of Bond Street was very active, including a Haarlem street scene by Isaac Ouwater for £29,898 and a breezy picture of a hawking party by Anton Querfurt for £20,979 among its purchases, while their neighbours, Partridge Fine Art, spent £39,864 on a Louis XV kingwood and marquetry table, and £29,898 on a George III giltwood mirror.

Meanwhile, Christie's has completed its sale of Kitley House in Devon with a total of £781,954. A set of early Victorian chairs went for £6,050 (estimate £400 to £600) and a magic lantern estimated at £50 to £100 fetched £1,000.

On Monday, the Swedish artist Anders Zorn (1860-1920) broke the auction records for both his homeland and for his own paintings at Bukowski's auction house in Stockholm.

First, his painting of a ruddy nude contemplating a swim at the island of Dalarna fetched £700,000, a record for any item sold in Sweden.

Then his painting of the tenor Jean-Baptiste Faure fetched £400,000, a record for a portrait in Scandinavia, and four times above its estimate. Both paintings were bought by Swedes.

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Tribute paid to Soames

Pears paid warm tributes to Lord Soames, former leader of the House of Lords, who died during the summer recess.

Lord Whitelaw, Leader of the House, said that the presence of the television cameras in the Lords owed much to his initiative.

"He was a big man in every sense of the word. There was nothing small or small-minded about him. He gave generously of his friendships for he had a big heart."

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, Leader of the Labour Peers, praised his short but historic tenure in Rhodesia. Mr Robert Minge's presence at his funeral was a fitting tribute to his service there.

New peers

Lord Cocks of Harcliffe, formerly Mr Michael Cocks, Labour Chief Whip from 1976 to 1979, was introduced.

Lord Rippon of Hexham, formerly Mr Geoffrey Rippon, a Conservative Secretary of State for the Environment from 1972 to 1974, was also introduced.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Public Utility Transfers and Charges Bill second reading, Scottish Development Agency Bill, second reading, Lords (2.30): Debate on the inner cities.

SDP peer attacks extradition proposal in Bill

The Government's proposals on extradition in the Criminal Justice Bill came under attack from an SDP peer.

He said that it would completely undermine safeguards for alleged offenders.

The Bill was being discussed in committee in the Lords as the first business after the end of the summer recess.

Lord Hutchinson of Lillingston (SDP) moved an amendment to prevent the United Kingdom from consenting to the prosecution of a returned offender for any offence not covered by the extradition itself.

He did not want states requesting extradition on some trumped-up charge so that they could then charge the alleged offender with something more serious or quite different. As the Bill stood, it gave the Home Secretary a power that would completely undermine safeguards.

Under the Bill, people could already be extradited without any judicial review of the evidence and without someone appearing before a court other than one that would simply rubber stamp the Home Sec-

HOUSE OF LORDS



Lord Calthorpe: Rule must not be too inflexible.

retary's arrangement with another government.

The Earl of Calthorpe, Minister of State, Home Office, said that it would be too inflexible a rule if a requesting state were prevented from prosecuting a fugitive for a serious crime that came to light after he had been extradited.

One safeguard, anyway, was that any new offence brought forward must be an extraditable crime itself. There was a safeguard in regard to fugitives

being extradited for political offences, too.

Britain was the most important country not to have ratified the European Convention of Extradition, the principal extradition arrangement within Western Europe. That was proving a big stumbling-block in Britain's negotiations with European countries to prevent people committing crimes and hopping easily from one country to another. The Bill would enable Britain to ratify the convention "so that we will no longer be the black sheep of Europe".

Lord Mischon, for the Opposition, said that he would rather maintain Britain's tradition of being the "white sheep" of Europe in protecting the liberty of the individual and was glad to be the "black sheep" as far as the ratification of the convention was concerned.

Lord Hutchinson intervened to say that successive governments had steadfastly refused to ratify the convention which turned extradition into a purely administrative act.

The amendment was withdrawn after peers suggested that it was better to deal with it after the principle of extradition without prima facie evidence had been decided.

Call to defer sales

The Government was urged during questions in the Lords to defer privatization of the water and electricity industries until problems with British Telecom were sorted out.

The appeal came from Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, who asked for confirmation that the Government was concerned about the widespread dissatisfaction of the consumer with the performance of BT since it was privatized.

Addressing Lord Beaverbrook, he asked: "Will he say precisely what the Government proposes to do to allay this dissatisfaction?"

Lord Beaverbrook, for the Government, replied that the Director-General of Communications has sufficient powers to enforce the rigorous provisions of BT's licence.

Earlier, facing criticism of BT from Opposition peers, he said that before privatization it was very rare for customers to get any reply to complaints.

Lord Dean of Beaulieu (Lab) said that the main objective of privatizing BT was to give the customer a better all-round service. Bearing in mind the recent very adverse report from OfTel, did the Government expect BT to reach the objectives set out in the Telecommunications Act, 1984?

Lord Beaverbrook replied that there were problems to be tackled. BT saw them as a high priority.

When Parliament resumes today it would be natural to assume that members are simply continuing where they left off in July. But there have been some subtle changes in the political landscape since they went on holiday.

I am not thinking of the Stock Exchange crash. That will surely have some political effect, though it is too soon to be clear what it will be. In times of trouble, however, there is an instinct to huddle round mother. So I doubt if it will diminish the Government's dominance.

That has even been enhanced by the party conference season. The Conservative conference may have been less than exciting for political observers. It may have been less bold in its thinking than some would have wished. But as a party political operation it was entirely successful because it conveyed the impression of a united party supporting an Administration that knew what it wanted to do.

All the other conferences had a very different effect upon their respective parties. They were preoccupied with their internal affairs and they increased the strains within them. That raises the possibility that the Government may face even less effective opposition in this Parliament than in the last one.

The fratricidal tendency was most evident at the SDP conference, which provided fine entertainment for outside observers but deep depression for the participants. The Lib-

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The main task of opposition, however, rests with Labour. In the last Parliament the party often gave the impression that its energies were directed more outside the House. It was in the constituencies that individual members had to fight their reselection battles and where the party could prepare for action in their target seats.

Now there is some sign of a change in priorities. The Shadow Cabinet decided last week to concentrate on mobilizing Labour strength at Question Time and in the key debates rather than in the division lobbies where they are usually bound to lose.

That suggests that the party will be concerned above all to win the argument in Parliament. That would be a sensible approach.

There will be some opportunities to defeat the Government in the lobbies as its controversial legislation on education and the community charge comes before the House. The report stage on both these Bills should be particularly interesting, as will their passage through the Lords.

But the key test for any government with such a large majority is whether it can preserve a psychological ascendancy to match its voting strength. This Government did so in the last Parliament. So far it has done so in this. Whether it can continue to do so will be the critical question for the remainder of this session.

Scientists promise to help 'refusenik'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A campaign for the release of Dr Victor Faermak, a Russian scientist detained in 1971, was launched in Cambridge last night.

He is the longest-term "refusenik" among those for whom the Scientists for the Release of Soviet Refuseniks organization hopes to gain permission to emigrate.

At a meeting at King's College, Cambridge, arranged by Dr Aaron Klug, a Nobel Prize winner and director of the Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology, leading scientists agreed to work for the release of the refuseniks.

The organization to free Soviet scientists is supported by many other British Nobel Prize winners, including Sir George Porter, president of the Royal Society, Professor Brian Josephson, a physicist, Professor Antony Hewish, an astronomer, and Professor Max Perutz and Dr Cesar Milstein, molecular biologists.

Dr Jonathan Sutton, one of the campaign organizers, said the new Soviet policy of glasnost, or openness, had made little difference to the plight of such scientists as Dr Faermak, and thousands of others.

He said they were excluded when the Soviet authorities indicated recently a willingness to release about 11,000 refuseniks. They were victims of a catch-all rule denying emigration to anyone who

might have had access to state secrets.

Experience in working for the release of Dr Ida Nudel, the economist, and such other computer specialists and mathematicians as Professor Armen Khachatryan and Dr Boris Klotz, made it clear that the Soviet definition of "state secret" was very wide.

The organization is taking advice from former refuseniks and launching a telephone campaign. Prominent British scientists will place direct personal calls to the director of a particular refusenik's place of work or institute and will ask what prevents the refusenik from obtaining an exit visa.

Dr Sutton said the release of Dr Andrei Sakharov and one or two other well-publicized cases had gone some way to persuading western governments that the Soviet Union was observing the Helsinki Agreement on Human Rights.

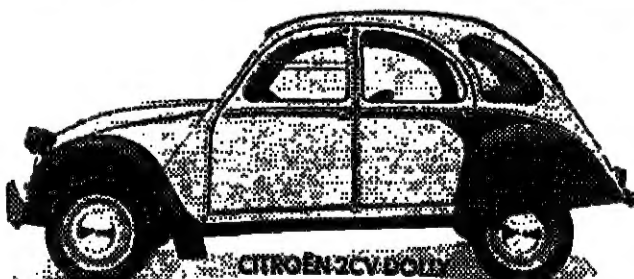
Dr Faermak, is aged 45 and did research in physical chemistry at one of the leading institutes of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. As soon as he applied to emigrate in 1971, he was removed from his job and subsequently refused permission because he was "in possession of state secrets".

He has done no scientific research in the past 16 years, and works mainly as an engineer on large ventilation projects, principally for railway stations and depots.

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Aids research may benefit sufferers of multiple sclerosis

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The huge sums being spent on Aids research may produce spin-off benefits for sufferers of multiple sclerosis, according to a report published today.

About 100,000 people in Britain suffer from the chronic disabling disease, which led to the death on Monday of Miss Jacqueline du Pré, the former leading cellist, at the age of 42.

Up to 1,000 people a year die from the condition, which affects almost twice as many women as men. The highest mortality is among the middle-aged and elderly and the cost to the health service was more than £18 million last year, the report from the Office of Health Economics says.

The causes of multiple sclerosis are unknown, but some researchers believe that an Aids-type virus which affects the body's immune system could be involved. Mr Bernie O'Brien, a research fellow at Brunel University and author of the report, said yesterday: "The illness remains an enigma and a challenge to medical scientists, but there are good reasons to hope for a breakthrough."

"The most likely explanation is that multiple sclerosis is caused either directly by

some viral infection of unknown origin or that indirectly such a virus provokes the body's immune system to attack itself.

"There are some obvious parallels to be drawn between multiple sclerosis and Aids. If an Aids-type virus is involved, then the millions of pounds currently being invested in Aids research may provide some valuable spin-off knowledge."

The report says that improvements in diagnosis have been achieved through the use of the latest medical technology, including magnetic resonance imaging. There is, however, still no proven effective treatment and many sufferers have resorted to fringe treatments such as snake venom or hyperbaric oxygen (HBO).

The idea that HBO could be beneficial arose from its success in treating deep-sea divers suffering from "the bends", the decompression sickness that can inflict damage to the central nervous system similar to that caused by multiple sclerosis. Patients with multiple sclerosis undergoing HBO therapy breathe pure oxygen from a face mask while sitting in a pressure chamber.

The report says that "the

vast majority of evidence from trials of HBO suggests that it has no beneficial impact on the disease". Two scientific studies published in the past two years concluded that there was "no clinically important or significant benefit", but the report acknowledges that multiple sclerosis sufferers may nevertheless believe they have been helped by HBO. "To some extent the simple bringing together of patients into a group necessary for HBO will aid communication and lift spirits."

"When doctors can offer little by way of treatment, it is perhaps not surprising that many multiple sclerosis sufferers are prepared to put their faith in new ideas which, although they may not carry the full scientific stamp of approval, may offer some hope."

Viper and other snakes is also used by some sufferers who claim they have benefited from it. Advocates of its use believe that the venom attacks the nervous system in a way similar to multiple sclerosis.

Multiple Sclerosis (Office of Health Economics, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY; £1.00).

Mini-sub up for air after first sea trials



The Marlin S1, a two-man midget submarine, starting its first sea trials at Plymouth yesterday with its designer, Mr Paul Moorhouse, at the controls.

The mini submarine, seen here surfacing in Sutton Harbour marina, is expected to go on the market for \$60,000.

The boat, which is a scale model of

wartime submarines almost 10 times bigger at 300ft, is likely to appeal to wreck hunters, people filming cables on the sea bed or to rich eccentrics.

One of the crew sits upright with a view through a cylindrical viewport on top while the second lies below.

Mr Moorhouse believes the controls are sufficiently simple for owners to master within a week.

The four-tonne submarine has attracted nationwide attention and its diesel-electric engine and equipment is surprisingly cheap to run with costs estimated at £5 a day.

Mr Moorhouse, a former Rolls-Royce engineer, plans to go into full production if the idea catches on and he is believed to be pleased with the performance during the sea trials.

The Marlin S1 has a range of up to 300 miles on the surface and submerged to a maximum of 300 feet can travel 10 miles at full speed or 15 at a slower rate.

For 18 months Mr Moorhouse has been working on the submarine project in a workshop he previously used for the production of kit cars (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

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Moore warns UN on tackling virus

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Britain warned other countries yesterday not to go it alone in tackling Aids.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, told the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York that any attempt to isolate a country from the disease would require "draconian measures" including rigid control of the population and severely curtailed contact with other nations.

Mr Moore, in the first address to the General Assembly by a British health minister, promised Britain's full support for World Health Organization efforts on Aids.

He said: "If individual countries take action without any regard to what others are doing, the international response to the problem will be less effective. There could be wasteful duplication in some fields and inadequate action in others."

There were, he said, three traps to be avoided in tackling Aids. The first was for nations to pretend that Aids was not a threat in their own country and that all they had to do was wait while others solved the problem. "Aids is a problem for all of us. All countries will

be affected by it in one way or another."

The second was to expend energy in arguing about where the infection came from. "The question is no longer of some scientific interest. But governments' concern must be with the much more urgent issue of how to tackle the infection."

The most dangerous trap was to try to isolate countries from Aids. "Even if this were possible, which for the great majority of countries must be very doubtful, to sustain such a self-imposed quarantine would require the most draconian measures."

"These would have to involve not only rigid controls over one's own population, but also severely curtailing contacts between them and those of other countries." This would have a devastating impact on relations between countries, let alone on trade and travel links.

Mr Moore said that the United Kingdom had contributed \$5.5 million (£3.2 million) to the World Health Organization Special Programme on Aids and was giving \$2.5 million to the International Planned Parenthood Federation for Aids work.

Pit strike 'nerve centre' renamed

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The unit that moved squads of police around the country during the miners' strike has been given a new name, to clear up "public misunderstanding" about its status.

The unit, the National Reporting Centre, was criticised during the dispute because it appeared to answer to no one.

Civil libertarians and local government councillors objected to its powers to move large numbers of officers across the country with minimal reference to elected police authorities. The unit is set up only during an emergency.

A confidential draft circular from the Home Office says the unit is being renamed the Mutual Aid Co-ordination Centre because the circular says it appeared considerable confusion arose from the title of the reporting centre.

The question of who pays for mutual aid between police forces is still being negotiated between Civil Servants and local authorities.

However, in what is intended to be the first full statement of the unit's legal and administrative status, the Home Office has made a conciliatory gesture towards police authorities by insisting

that in future chief constables make more information available about its operations.

The Mutual Aid Co-ordination Centre, like its predecessor, will be based at Scotland Yard. It will be activated and controlled by whichever chief constable is the president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, not by the Home Office. The Home Secretary has the power to compel police forces to lend each other assistance if voluntary arrangements break down.

The usual form of support supplied through the co-ordination centre will be Police Support Units with a standard size of one inspector, two sergeants and 20 constables. Chief constables will be expected to provide daily situation reports giving details of their capacity to supply units.

The county councils are generally happy with the Home Office draft but unhappy at lack of progress on arrangements for paying for police. The Association of County Councils has asked the Home Office to give the county police authorities a better idea of how costs will be worked out when police officers are lent to another area.

Police check on image

Scotland Yard is about to launch a £100,000 study to discover whether the image of the Metropolitan Police needs to be improved and modernized (Our Crime Correspondent writes).

In the next four to six months a research team from Wolff Olins, the design and management consultants, will study police operations, asking officers and the public for their views.

The company will then report to a Scotland Yard working party on what needs to be

done to project the positive side of London policing.

Changes may include a redesign of drab public areas of police stations and friendlier relations with the public in police stations.

There may be an advertising campaign to underline the positive image of the police, in the way that large public corporations publicize their overall image rather than individual products.

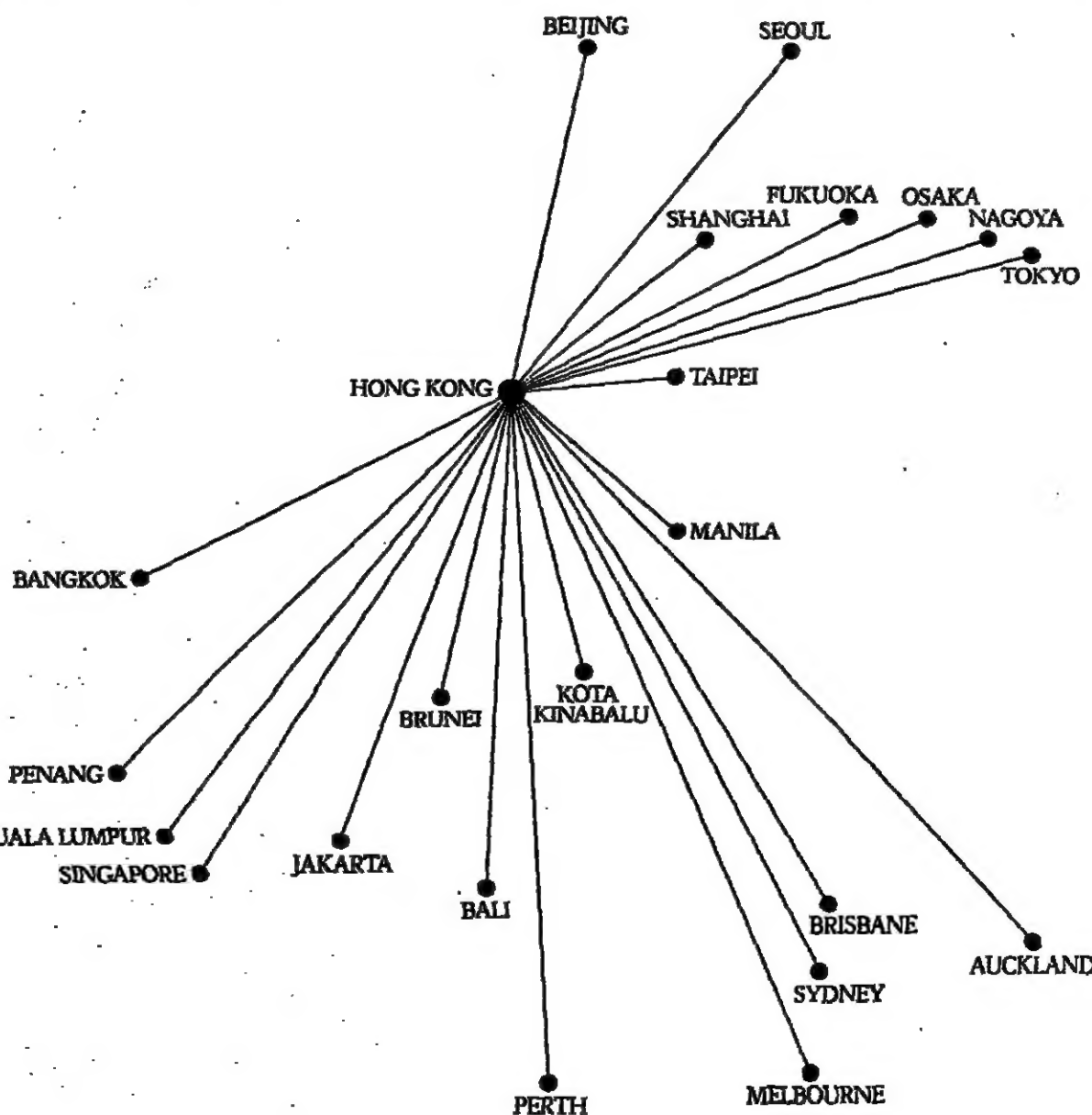
The study is believed to be the first on any police force in this country or abroad.

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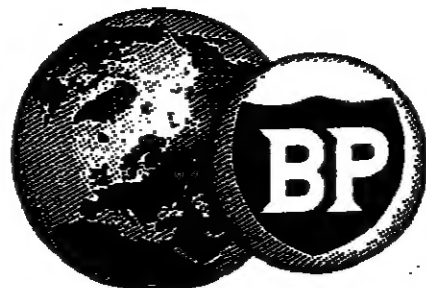
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APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be received by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th October, 1987 (or before close of business on Tuesday, 27th October, 1987 if the form is taken by hand to any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank Limited). Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

ALLOCATION OF SHARES

The basis of allocation of the shares is expected to be announced on Friday, 30th October, 1987.

If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent a temporary document of title (a letter of acceptance) for the shares allocated to you.

If there is heavy demand for the shares, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all.

If your application is not accepted or is only accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) all money paid on application or a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application.

DEALINGS

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will commence at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 30th October, 1987. Letters of acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on Monday, 9th November, 1987. Applicants who deal before receipt of a letter of acceptance will do so at their own risk.

You will not be liable for stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on your application for shares. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will be liable to pay any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax.

FURTHER INSTALMENTS

You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and final instalments become payable. At the time the reminder is sent for the second instalment (due by 30th August, 1988) you will also be sent an Interim Certificate to replace the letter of acceptance despatched following the Combined Offer. After you have paid your final instalment (due by 27th April, 1989) you will be sent your final share certificate. If you do not pay any instalments for which you are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

SHARE BONUS ARRANGEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

If you buy shares in the Offer for Sale and continue to hold them until close of business on 31st October, 1990, you may be eligible to receive from HM Treasury, free of charge, a share bonus of one additional share for every ten such shares. The share bonus is only available if you buy shares in the Offer for Sale and not if they are bought subsequently.

Existing shareholders and members of the BP Group Participating Share Scheme do not qualify for the share bonus in respect of shares applied for on red preferential application forms.

The maximum number of bonus shares you can receive is 150 shares. Where shares are applied for jointly, the maximum number of bonus shares will remain at 150 shares, even if more than one of the joint holders is eligible.

Copies of the full terms of the share bonus arrangements will be obtainable from National Westminster Bank PLC, Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 472, Consort House, The Lombard Centre, East Street, Bristol BS99 1NW until 30th June, 1989 and thereafter from the Company at BP House, Third Avenue, Harlow, Essex CM19 5AG.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the share bonus, you must be an individual applying other than on a red preferential application form. Companies, partnerships, firms, trusts, associations and clubs are ineligible. In addition, your application must be made by you:

- solely for your own benefit, or for that of a child under 18 years of age if you are that child's parent, grandparent or guardian; or
- jointly, with up to three other individuals, solely for the benefit of one or more of you; or
- jointly with a nominee (who need not be an individual) solely for your own benefit; or
- jointly with a nominee (who need not be an individual) and up to two other individuals solely for the benefit of one or more of you other than the nominee.

DELIVERY OF THE BONUS SHARES

The bonus shares will be transferred to you (or, if you are a joint holder of your shares, to you and the other joint holders) as soon as reasonably practicable after 31st October, 1990 together with all rights attaching to those shares at that date. There will be no right to receive fractions of shares.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Acceptance of applications will be conditional on (i) the new Ordinary Shares being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 30th November, 1987 and (ii) the Offer for Sale Underwriting Agreement referred to in paragraph 7(a) of Section 10 of the Prospectus dated 15th October, 1987 containing the listing particulars in relation to the new Ordinary Shares ("the Prospectus") having become unconditional and not being terminated prior to such date as HM Treasury may determine, being not later than 30th November, 1987. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept on behalf of HM Treasury in a separate account. Rights are reserved for HM Treasury and its agents to present for payment and otherwise process all cheques and bankers' drafts received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such cheques, bankers' drafts and the processing thereof. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

2. Acceptance of an application by an eligible investor will, subject to paragraph 3(c) below, entitle that investor to the share bonus on the terms referred to in Section 11 of the Prospectus.

3. By completing and delivering an application form, you: (a) offer to purchase from HM Treasury the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number as which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus and the Instalment Agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company) and agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the Instalment Agreement;

(b) as a collateral contract between you and HM Treasury which will become binding on despatch to or receipt by a receiving bank of your application and in consideration of HM Treasury agreeing that it will not prior to 1st December, 1987 offer any of the Ordinary Shares to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus;

(c) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 1st December, 1987; and

(d) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment and will not bear interest;

(e) if you write "yes" in Box 4 of a public application form or apply on a blue or green application form, that you are eligible for the share bonus (eligibility is explained under "Share bonus arrangements" in Section 11 of the Prospectus);

(f) agree that, if you do not write "yes" in Box 4, you will not be entitled to the share bonus even if you might otherwise qualify;

(g) warrant that you are not a U.S. or Canadian person and you are not applying on behalf of any such person;

(h) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer for Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(i) warrant that:

(i) if this application is made for your own benefit (or other application (other than any application you are entitled to make on a red application form) is being made for your benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent (other than a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager) or, so far as you are aware, by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager or by any other person; and

(ii) if the application is made by you as agent for, or for the benefit of, another person (no other application (other than on a red application form) for the benefit of that person is being made by you or, so far as you are aware, by that person or by any other person;

(g) if you sign the application form as agent for someone else, warrant you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof certified by a solicitor, where this is required by the guide to completing the application form;

(h) agree that, in respect of those Ordinary Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of HM Treasury, either (i) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

(i) authorise the relevant receiving bank and the Custodian Bank to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of holders of Interim Rights in respect of such Ordinary Shares the entitlement to which has not been effectively renounced and thereafter to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Ordinary Shares the right to which has not been effectively transferred (references to rights being effectively renounced mean the renouncee(s) being registered by a receiving bank in relation to such rights);

(j) agree that all documents in connection with the Offer for Sale (including the share bonus arrangements) and/or any returned moneys will be sent at your risk and may be sent by post to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first person) as set out in the application form or such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of holders of Interim Rights or the register of members of the Company by your name or the name of such person;

(k) (i) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application; (ii) undertake to pay the second and final instalments by, and (in the case of any payment of £10,000 or more) for value not later than, 3.00 p.m. on 30th August, 1988 and 3.00 p.m. on 27th April, 1989 respectively, for each Ordinary Share in respect of which your application is accepted, the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred in accordance with the Instalment Agreement by you prior to the relevant time and date; and (iii) agree that failure to make any payment when due will entitle HM Treasury to avoid the contract and re-sell the Ordinary Share to someone else, in which case you will be sent (subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) a refund, without interest, equal to 120p or 225p per Ordinary Share resold (depending on whether the default is in payment of the second or final instalment respectively), whether or not the instalment(s) already paid for it exceed(s) that amount less any loss sustained by HM Treasury determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. No payment of less than £3 will, however, be made to you;

(l) agree that HM Treasury will allocate the new Ordinary Shares entirely in the Offer for Sale (and not in any other part of the Combined Offer) and that each successful applicant in the Offer for Sale will receive new Ordinary Shares and existing Ordinary Shares in the same proportions (or as nearly as may be practicable) as every other such applicant;

(m) agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;

(n) confirm that, in making your application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. or the Combined Offer other than information and representations contained in the Prospectus or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the Offer for Sale taken together with the Prospectus (the "prospectuses") and accordingly you agree that no person responsible for the prospectuses shall have any liability for any such information or representation other than as aforesaid;

(o) agree promptly on request to disclose in writing to HM Treasury any information which it may request in connection with your application; and

(p) agree that any letter of acceptance and application moneys in respect of any applicant suspected to be in breach of paragraph 3(f) may be held (without interest) pending investigation.

4. References in the application forms and guides to "shareholders" or "BP shareholders" include references to members of the BP Group Participating Share Scheme. Save as aforesaid and where the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the Prospectus bear the same meaning when used herein or in application forms.

No person receiving this application form in any territory other than the U.K., the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man may treat it as constituting an invitation or offer to him nor should he in any event use it, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to him without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the U.K., the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction receiving this application form and wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory and to pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the shares acquired by him under the Combined Offer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR DELIVER IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1987

at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 1.

A to Cg Bank of Scotland, New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AJ. or, by hand only, to 28 Thistle Street, London EC2.	Ch to F Barclays Bank PLC, New Issues, P.O. Box 123, Fleetway House, 26 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD.	G to J Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Issue Section, P.O. Box 1000, 11 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3LB.	K to M Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Marine House, Poyts Street, London EC3N 4DA.
N to Sj National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Prince Street, London EC2P 2BD.	Sk to Z The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Registrar's Department, P.O. Box 190, 3-11 North St. Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 1HL. or, by hand only, to New Issues Department, 67 Lombard Street, London EC3.	USE FIRST CLASS POST AND ALLOW AT LEAST TWO DAYS FOR DELIVERY	

OR TAKE THIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1987 to any U.K. branch of National Westminster Bank PLC, Bank of Scotland, or Ulster Bank Limited (in Northern Ireland).

Additional receiving centres are open for deliveries by hand until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th October, 1987. These are set out on the back of the application form in the mini prospectus and in the full prospectus.

GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON except for any other application you are entitled to make as a shareholder on a red preferential form or an application made for your benefit but without your knowledge by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager.

If you have received a personalised BLUE form, you should complete that form.

If you are already a shareholder you may also apply on the RED form sent to you.

Otherwise, please use the form below.

- 1** Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use block capitals).
- Applications must not be made by anyone under 18, but a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. To do this, you should put your own name in Box 1, and after your surname write "A/C" followed by the full names of the child and the child's date of birth. This does not stop you from making a single application for your own benefit.
- If you wish to apply jointly with another adult, see Note 7.

- 2** Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of shares for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of shares set out below. Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected.

Number of shares you are applying for	Amount you pay now (£10p per share)	Your total investment (£30p per share)
80	£8	£24
100	£10	£30
200	£20	£60
300	£30	£90
400	£40	£120
500	£50	£150
600	£60	£180
700	£70	£210
800	£80	£240
900	£90	£270
1,000	£100	£300
1,500	£150	£450
2,000	£200	£600
2,500	£250	£750
3,000	£300	£900
3,500	£350	£1,050
4,000	£400	£1,200
4,500	£450	£1,350
5,000	£500	£1,500

Above 5,000 shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications	Multiples of
5,000 to 10,000 shares	1,000 shares
10,000 to 50,000 shares	5,000 shares
50,000 to 100,000 shares	10,000 shares
over 100,000 shares	50,000 shares

- 3** Using the middle column of the table above, put in Box 3 (in figures) the exact amount you pay now.
- Payment is in three instalments. The second instalment of 105p per share is payable by 3.00 p.m. on 30th August, 1988 and the final instalment of 105p per share by 3.00 p.m. on 27th April, 1989. A reminder about the second and final instalments will be sent to your registered address before they become due.

- 4** If you wish to receive the share bonus and you are an eligible individual or applying on behalf of an eligible individual, write "Yes" in Box 4.
- If you write "No" in the box or do not complete it, you will not receive the share bonus.
- If you are in any doubt about whether you are an eligible individual, you should read the details of the share bonus arrangements set out in the full prospectus or mini prospectus (including, if necessary, the arrangements for nominees' applications on behalf of others).

- 5** Read the declaration in Box 5, then sign and date the form in Box 5.
- The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he is duly authorised to do so. An agent must enclose the power of attorney appointing him (or a copy certified by a solicitor), unless he is a Selling Agent, Financial Intermediary or U.K. Clearing Bank (as referred to in Section 10 of the full prospectus) and states the capacity in which he signs.
- A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

WARNING

Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for the benefit of any person except for any other application BP shareholders are entitled to make on red preferential forms.

- 6** Put in Box 6 a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount you have entered in Box 3. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be made payable to "BP Share Offer". Please ensure that it is crossed and write on it "Not Negotiable". A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application.
- No receipt for your payment will be issued.
- Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the U.K., the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a U.K. bank sort code number in the top right hand corner.

If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or a bank branch, in which case you should write your full name(s) and address on the back of the cheque.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" in favour of the applicant(s).

- 7** **JOINT APPLICANTS**
- You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7.
- They should read Note 5 and the declaration in Box 5 before signing this box.

Final touch for Trafalgar Day



Workmen using a secret cleaning formula yesterday, on the eve of Trafalgar Day, put finishing touches to one of the four bronze lions at the base of Nelson's Column, part of an £80,000 programme which also included repairs to Nelson's sword and the removal of nearly half a ton of dead pigeons and their droppings. The secret of the cleanser's ingredients has been passed down from one team of Property Services Agency cleaners to another since its discovery in 1976. A £2.3 million programme of work on the rest of Trafalgar Square, including the erection of railings around the base of the column, repairs to the fountains and new lighting, begins soon (Photograph: John Rogers).

Hurd moves to stop guilty escaping on a point of law

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A change in the scope of the Court of Appeal was announced last night by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to prevent guilty people escaping justice on a technicality.

He intends giving the court the power to order retrials rather than quashing convictions because of technical defects in the original trial.

At present, the Court of Appeal can order a retrial only if new evidence has come to light.

Mr Hurd, speaking in London to the Metropolitan branch of the Police Federation, said: "It sometimes happens that someone who is convicted at the crown court is later acquitted on appeal because of some technical defect at the original trial. Perhaps there was a mistake of procedure or a misdirection to the jury."

"The Court of Appeal dismisses such an appeal if it considers that no miscarriage of justice has actually occurred. But sometimes things are not as clear cut as that, and the conviction has to be quashed."

It was right that a person should not stand convicted if the trial was wrongly conducted. What was neither right nor acceptable was that guilty people should escape justice on a technicality.

"I therefore propose to give the Court of Appeal a wider power to order a retrial if it thinks it is in the interests of justice to do so. This is an important change in ensuring a proper balance in the scales of justice."

The new powers will be proposed in an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill.

Mr Hurd said the Government also proposed to enable

the Attorney General to refer a sentence to the Court of Appeal where it appeared to him to be unduly soft. The Court of Appeal would have the power to substitute whatever sentence it thought proper, within the maximum for the offence.

"I do not believe that this will affect a large number of cases, but the question is one of public confidence," Mr Hurd said. "Where the most serious offences are concerned, the public needs to be sure that every stage of the criminal justice system, from the investigation to the sentence, is properly conducted."

In most cases the sentence fitted the crime and attracted no public comment. But judges were fallible — like police officers and Home Secretaries, he said. When something did go badly wrong, there should be a procedure to correct it.

"That is why we propose that the Court of Appeal should be able to increase sentences in such cases. That is another big change and voices are already raised against it. But it is an overdue and sensible change, which already works well in a number of other countries."

A warning that the prison service trials could seriously affect proper policing in London was given to the Home Secretary and the meeting by Mr Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Imbert said: "The situation cannot be allowed to continue. If it does, it will seriously threaten our ability adequately and properly to police London. The situation is a constant drain on our manpower and will reduce the police coverage of the streets of the capital."

He said the care of prisoners in London police stations involved more than 700 police officers each day in a job never intended for highly trained policemen.

He said the number of officers leaving the Metropolitan Police to join other forces was also a source of anxiety.

There was no difficulty finding recruits, but wages meant that for every 2,000 recruits trained at the start of each year, the net gain by the end of the year was only about 300 officers. Recruits merely replaced experienced, trained police officers leaving for other forces.

Policing was a difficult profession in whatever part of the country an officer worked, he said, but in London, officers had to face high house prices and a reduction in the quality of life.

Mr Imbert repeated his call for the right of silence in court cases to be changed. He has argued that judges should be allowed to tell juries if a defendant chose not to answer police questions.

Juvenile custody 'a failure'

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Pressure is mounting on the Government to phase out custody for juveniles. It comes from eight influential organisations in juvenile welfare.

They back a co-ordinating group which says that the number of custodial sentences imposed on juveniles in England and Wales has been reduced from 7,600 in 1981 to 4,400 in 1986, the lowest figure for the past 10 years.

The group says that 72 per cent of juveniles leaving detention centres and 83 per cent of those leaving youth custody centres are reconvicted within two years.

A report by the group, which is backed by probation and social services chiefs, says today: "Judged by their success at diverting young people from re-offending, penal establishments have proved a spectacular failure. Many of the juveniles entering custody

could better be dealt with by non-custodial measures with a higher chance of steering young people away from crime."

"While no one disputes that a small number of young offenders must be locked up in order to protect the public, this should be done in secure child care establishments, not custodial institutions run by the Prison Department."

The report by New Approaches to Juvenile Crime, calls for amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to end the remanding of juveniles to penal establishments. Last year, 1,700 juveniles were remanded to adult prisons or remand centres. The report says that when a juvenile has to be remanded to secure accommodation, it should be in an appropriate community home.

The detention centre order should be abolished and youth

custody should be the only custodial sentence available for young offenders, it says.

"It would be inappropriate severe for a court to send a juvenile into custody for behaviour which is not in itself an offence," the report says. It points out that courts can already impose fines and attendance centre orders in such circumstances.

The eight organisations supporting the group are: the Association of Chief Officers of Probation; the Association of Directors of Social Services; the National Association of Probation Officers; the British Association of Social Workers; the Association for Juvenile Justice; the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders; the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organizations; and the National Intermediate Treatment Federation.

Drug hunt unit sold to Japan

A British device for detecting smuggled drugs and explosives has been sold to the Japanese customs authority in a £10 million deal (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The system, known as Condor, was developed by British Aerospace which has spent the past four years trying to convince customs, airlines and ports that the system could help to defeat international drugs smuggling.

The cost has so far proved a drawback — British customs has been evaluating the system for some time and needs Treasury permission before buying it. It is hoped that the Japanese order will renew interest and lead to many more sales.

Condor can be part of a static unit through which cargo is driven or housed in mobile vans ready to be taken to any particularly sensitive port or airport. The Japanese have bought four of the mobile systems for use in their busiest cities such as Tokyo, Yokohama and Osaka.

It relies on a sensitive mass spectrometer produced in Canada which can detect minute traces of drugs or explosives by taking samples of air in containers or suitcases. Its findings are then fed into a computer which indicates on a display screen what drugs or other chemicals are in the air.

It is the first big order that British Aerospace has achieved in Japan for more than 10 years.

Tory shire attacks reform of schools

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Severe misgivings about the Government's proposals for reforming schools were voiced yesterday by Hereford and Worcester, a Conservative-controlled council which describes itself as a typical shire county.

It says that educational standards in the county have risen and will continue to rise and suggests that the Government's plans are either irrelevant or potentially damaging.

Every secondary school in Hereford and Worcester already allocates more time to English and mathematics than the proposed national curriculum suggests, the council says.

It questions whether all pupils will benefit from studying a modern foreign language and says it is worried that the proposed curriculum will not suit pupils of below average ability.

The council fears that good and imaginative teaching will be stifled by too much emphasis on tests, league tables and

comparisons with other schools.

It adds that the Government's proposals will be costly and that it is being over-optimistic in assuming that authorities will be able to absorb the extra expense.

The council criticizes the plan to allow individual schools to opt out of local authority control on the vote of a simple majority of those parents who decide to take part in a ballot.

The Government's proposal to give schools control of their own budgets attracts the council's fiercest criticism. It claims the scheme would prevent it from carrying out its traditional role of ensuring equal opportunities for all pupils.

Unavoidable variations in the age, character, efficiency and location of schools make it impossible to apply the same funding formula to all, the council says.

Black-led agency loses fund

The Manpower Services Commission has withdrawn its £3.5 million funding of the Community Roots Trust (Our Employment Affairs Correspondent writes).

The commission said yesterday that the trust's annual contract had not been renewed because of continuing concern over its financial management. "They have been given extensions of their contract to allow them to sort themselves out, but they have not managed to do it."

Every effort would be made to find alternative places for the people involved.

Trust officials were shaken and upset by the announcement. They welcomed the news that their projects were likely to be continued under other MSC agencies, but deplored the fact that Britain would be deprived of its only black-led community agency. It was important, they said, that black youngsters should be set an example by their own communities.

prevent them from dismissing teachers they did not want.

Sir David also criticized the two biggest teaching unions, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, for refusing to co-operate with pilot schemes designed to develop a systematic way of appraising teachers' performance.

Dismiss bad teachers, heads told

Head teachers were urged yesterday to make use of their new powers to dismiss incompetent teachers (Our Education Correspondent writes).

Sir David Hancock, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education and Science, told a conference of heads that "caring out" poor teachers was in the interests of the whole school. "If they cannot be retrained, they place

a burden on all their colleagues."

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Kremlin joins in condemnation of American bombardment

Iran vows to avenge US hits on oil rigs

From Robert Fisk, Bahrain

The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament yesterday was anxious to dispel any illusion that there would be no military response to the American naval bombardment of two of Tehran's oil rigs in the Gulf on Monday.

Hojatollah Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani emphasized that Iran would respond "in the coming days" and that

Mr Tariq Almoayed, the Bahrain Minister of Information, had the doubtful distinction yesterday of being the only Arab Gulf minister to have the courage to speak publicly about the US attack on Iranian oil platforms. It was, he said, "one more step in the education process of those who doubt" that the West is serious about maintaining freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

"This is not a threat but a reality," the Speaker, who was replying to members of the Parliament on the attack, said. "We will act according to our responsibilities... and we'll make the US regret its action."

It was symptomatic of the nervousness now evident in the Gulf that a series of stray artillery rounds which landed on the Kuwaiti island of Bubiya were at first thought to have been part of an Iranian ground attack against an oil workers camp.

The shells — apparently nine — exploded on the low, marshy island just opposite the most southerly edge of the Fao peninsula, which was

captured by Iranian Revolutionary Guards last year.

The rounds may well have been fired along the Iran-Iraq frontier to the north, although given the ominous nature of Tehran's latest warnings to Baghdad's Arab neighbours, it was impossible to be certain that the shells were not aimed at them.

President Khamenei of Iran was among the first to promise reprisals against the US in the Gulf, repeating his own warnings yesterday. He said: "American aggression is clearly aimed at supporting the Islamic Republic from an enemy's viewpoint."

But the conflict would not be decided by US military firepower. A single Revolutionary Guard could bring down an American helicopter with a single weapon.

The Iranian Oil Minister yesterday estimated the damage to the devastated oil rigs as US\$500 million (£298 million), although he gave no analysis of the statistic. It is quite likely that the figure will be added to the amount of frozen assets which Tehran is claiming from the Americans — funds which, so Hojatollah Rafsanjani has hinted in the past, might help to produce some of the US hostages held in Lebanon.

A mine was reported to have been seen in an Iranian sea-lane in the Gulf at dusk. The captain of an Iranian-chartered tanker saw the object on the surface, and gave



Flames and smoke rising from the devastated Iranian oil platform, the Rostam, after the US Navy assault.

a radio warning to vessels in the area.

● MOSCOW: The Kremlin yesterday accused the US of a breach of international law in attacking the Iranian oil rigs

and claimed that advance warning from the White House to the Soviet Union and other members of the United Nations Security Council had been of no value

because it came too late (Christopher Walker writes). The latest response from Moscow was seen as reflecting anger in the Soviet hierarchy that the official warning from

WORLD SUMMARY

Reagan's 11th commandment

Washington — President Reagan yesterday summoned all the Republican presidential candidates and read out to them what he has called the eleventh commandment (which shall not speak ill of a fellow Republican (Michael Emyon writes)).

He told them during a White House meeting on the 1988 campaign that they should refrain from personal attacks on each other, and avoid the kind of internecine warfare that has caused such havoc among the Republican presidential candidates.

The six candidates — Vice-President George Bush, Senator Robert Dole, Representative Jack F. Frawley, Governor George H.W. Bush, Senator Jesse Helms, and Governor William W. Miller — all agreed to follow the president's advice. The meeting was held in the White House's East Wing, but ideological differences have already begun to cause sharp divisions among them.

Mr Reagan emphasized that he would stay neutral in the election. A White House official said: "He wants to talk about what his role is going to be for the next year and about his policy, what he considers most important."

Hunt for Spy case gunman victims

Paris — Signor Piercing, 31, one of Europe's most wanted criminals, was being hunted yesterday by more than 300 French policemen, after the murder of a general and a customs officer near the frontier with Switzerland on Monday (Philip Jacobsen writes).

Signor Piercing is an Italian with a long record of cross-border crimes. The incident followed a £200,000 bank robbery in Switzerland.

A new "Monsieur X" was stopped for a routine check at a toll road post in Viny, France. As soon as the boot was opened, disclosing an automatic weapon and large amounts of currency, the driver and his accomplice started firing at point-blank range, before speeding off.

Stockholm — The mounting controversy over the escape of spy Stig Bergling claimed four more victims yesterday, shaking Sweden's socialist establishment and rocking the country's belief in its ultra-liberal social system (Christopher Mosey writes).

Four senior officials in the Swedish judicial administration resigned, as it became clear that Mr Bergling, the Prime Minister, had ordered a big purge in the upper echelons of the justice Ministry.

More heads are likely to roll in the weeks to come as a result of the Bergling case, coming as it does after the equally well publicized botched police hunt for the assassin of the previous Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme.

Natal police swoop

Johannesburg — Scores of people have been arrested in a police swoop on black townships around the Natal city of Pietermaritzburg, where more than 40 people have died in violence in the past month (Ray Kennedy writes).

The police have been ordered by Mr Adele Meyer, the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, to give top priority to controlling the unrest in the area. Since January there have been 90 officially confirmed deaths, 154 injuries and 225 recorded unrest incidents.

100 held in Punjab Rail death toll 155

Delhi — Indian police yesterday arrested up to 100 activists in the Punjab in an attempt to prevent the holding tomorrow of the Sarbat Khalsa, a Sikh religious convention, which could renew demands for Khalistan, an independent Sikh state (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The Government last week banned the assembly in the Sikhs' holiest place, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, but four militant high priests promptly defied the ban. Three of them were arrested.

Left-winger resigns

Madrid — The outspoken leader of the left within the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party has resigned after allegedly accusing a party official of involvement in a property deal with a conservative opponent (Harry Debelius writes).

Señor Pablo Castellano, in a letter to party headquarters, denied statements attributed to him by a Madrid newspaper in which he reportedly said that the party's organizational secretary, Señor Tiki Benegas, is involved in a £31 million deal in the Balearic Islands with Señor Abel Matutes, a vice-president of the Popular Alliance.

Navy could follow US policy of 'self-defence'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday warned Iran against further attacks on shipping in the Gulf and hinted at action if a British-flagged vessel were hit.

He said that the US Navy's attack on an Iranian oil platform on Monday was not retaliation, but self-defence, even though it followed last week's Iranian missile strike on the US-flagged tanker Sea Isle City.

Sir Geoffrey was asked on the BBC Radio programme *The World at One* whether Iran should expect similar retaliation from the Royal Navy. He said: "There is no question of retaliation. It was action taken in exercise of its (Washington's) right of self-defence. Any country is entitled to take action in self-defence."

Sir Geoffrey's comments followed a meeting with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, in London.

The two men discussed the meeting that Mr Shultz is to have with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Moscow on Thursday. The Moscow talks are expected to look beyond the immediate prospect of a treaty to eliminate medium and shorter range missiles.

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Gulf Arabs reap profits of aiding regime they oppose

By Robert Fisk, Our Middle East Correspondent

Down in the old United Arab Emirates port of Ajman, where rotting freighters lean against the old wharf at a rental of just under £2 a day, there is a sight that might well cause some consternation to President Reagan as he awaits the threatened retaliation to his weekend reprisal attack against Iran.

It is not the clutch of little fishing boats which are flying the Iranian flag, nor even the geriatric Dutch cargo ship which is being painted for the ferry run to Bandar Abbas. What might catch the President's attention is the sleek, newly overhauled Iranian cargo-landing craft that lies beside a spit of sand, its funnel bearing the insignia of the Islamic republic. The vessel is being worked over by the maintenance men of Arab Heavy Industries, and its presence here on the Arab side of the Gulf is as publicly ignored as all the other lucrative trade and economic links between the Arabs and Iran.

There are other, less dubious but even more economically important Iranian vessels up the coast. The supply ship *Moussa*, for example, resides in the little harbour of Jafar outside Dubai, where for the past six months scores of Filipinos have been labouring to replace its accommodation quarters, severely damaged in an Iraqi air attack earlier this year.

It is not by chance that Iran still maintains full diplomatic ties with every Arab state except Egypt and Iraq. Indeed (and incredibly), it was only two weeks ago that Iraq and Iran, after seven years of mutual bloodletting and up to 1.5 million dead, decided to sever their own diplomatic relations. Iranian trade and political delegations regularly fly into the capitals of Arab Gulf states, even though it is scarcely two months since Iranian mobs broke into the Saudi and Kuwaiti embassies in Tehran.

Off the island of Hormuz, in the strait of the same name, the Iranians maintain an offshore "clean-products" terminal for vessels bringing in kerosene and high-octane petrol. According to shipping

agents in Dubai, ships arrive weekly carrying Bahraini kerosene, which is immediately reshipped to the north coast of the Gulf in Iranian chartered vessels to be used by the front-line Iranian army and air force.

Regular shipments of engine spares are known to arrive in Iranian ports, particularly in Bandar Abbas, from Kuwait, the very country whose tankers have now been attacked by Iranian-fired Silkworm missiles, and whose Government has repeatedly accused Iran of internal subversion and sabotage.

It is of course, for Kuwait and for Kuwait's implied threat to look to the Soviet Union that President Reagan agreed to re-flag 11 oil tankers, the critical step that led inevitably to last week's Iranian missile attack on one of those

Iran receives shipments of spares even from Kuwait

This does not make them disloyal (nor are they all Shia Muslims — many Sunni Iranians came to the Gulf), but it reduces the impact of the Gulf war's propaganda, which has itself long been reduced to the sort of rhetoric which depicts opponents in bestial, almost subhuman terms. It certainly does not provide the US with the sort of political support it might expect. But it does call into question, yet again, the very presence of the US's huge naval force in the region. For, if President Reagan's retaliation materializes, putting at risk American lives and US interests in the Middle East and the very fate of US hostages in Lebanon, for whom are the sacrifices to be made?

For the theory of "freedom of navigation", which is afforded only to Iraq's friends in the Gulf? Or for the diffuse nations whose political and social backgrounds make them strange bedfellows of the Americans, states which will settle their differences with Iran long before the US comes to terms with the regime in Tehran?

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ambiguously place, the pre-colonial history of which makes it a treacherous theatre for US muscle-flexing. Iran's stake in the Arab Gulf is as much cultural as it is political and economic, not least because of the enormous emigration of Iranian families to the southern coast of the Gulf more than 50 years ago.

The Iranians moved from the dry, arid areas of southern Iran primarily for economic reasons, with the result that tens of thousands of "Arab" Gulf families are now of Iranian ancestry, still speaking, or at least understanding, Persian, feeling more Arab than Persian but not so alienated from Iran as the Arabs of, say, Iraq, Egypt or Jordan. In the villages of Bahrain, for example, many inhabitants can speak Persian fluently and are able to listen to Iranian radio daily in that language as well as in Arabic.

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Arms ship under siege as mystery deepens

From Roger Boyes, Savona, Northern Italy

"Did you know what you had on board?" It is difficult to hear the answer, because of the seagulls, the rumbling and squeaking of dockside cranes and the hectic rearranging of the Italian customs guards who are shouting at me: "Talking is not allowed, is forbidden."

"Of course we know." The crewman on the arrested ship, *Fathulkahir*, is a little off-hand. "What? What do you think? — strawberry jam?"

Not jam, of course, but machine-guns bound for the Gulf. As the state of siege around the ship — housing its British first officer, Mr Richard Murphy, and about 40 other crew members — has entered its third day, and the mystery is, if anything, deeper.

What is the British connection in the trafficking to the Gulf? Scavenging around the Savona dockside, having blasted through different police checkpoints, I came across the first container that was searched the weekend: 350 Heckler & Koch Nato machine guns were found there. Nobody had bothered to clear up the debris and there, scattered around the broken crates, are blank British Ministry of Defence work forms:

"Royal Ordnance Small Arms Enfield Computer MO Work Card," says one. Stencilled on the back of an MoD form, the address of the guns reads: Contract DGP/9/86/4, Defence General Stores Directorate, Post Box No 2805, Abu Dhabi.

The defence lawyers employed by the ship owners, United Arab Shipping Co, say they have handed over to the judge new documents forwarded from London. The Italians were suspicious that the Liverpool-loaded container — the biggest in the ship and said to contain several hundred cases of machine-guns — was not properly accounted for. Signor Romano Raimondo, the shrewd Genoese maritime lawyer who is acting for UASC, said the Irish sea captain, Mr John Scallan, aged 48, was simply absent-minded. "He forgot to pick up the bill of lading Liverpool, where the weapons were loaded." A manifest clearly identifying the cargo as machine-guns has also been given to the authorities.

The formal interrogation of Mr Scallan begins today, and the Savona prosecutor, an energetic woman named Tiziana Faretti, says that a decision on the fate of the ship's crew will probably not emerge until Saturday.

Asked about the documents found on board the ship, a spokesman for the

Royal Ordnance company in London, now a wholly owned subsidiary of British Aerospace as of this year, yesterday said that they had checked authentic but that it was impossible to be certain at this stage. He also acknowledged that the company does sell arms to a number of countries in the Middle East, but could not say which ones without violating confidentiality clauses.

The *Fathulkahir* is moored alongside a rickety Neapolitan vessel and set ominously called *Francia*. The crew are allowed up for air, but First Officer Murphy sent a message to *The Times* saying he was obliged to stay below decks and could not answer questions. Tensions are running high. Armed police and customs officers are sharing guard duties and searched me thoroughly before even approaching the port area.

Shipping sources are abristle with theories. First, they believe that the *Fathulkahir* lost a day en route from Liverpool to Italy. "Could the ship have put in at an Irish port as well?" asked an experienced ship monitor.

Second, how is one to explain the unusually multi-national complement of the ship? Crew members, apart from the British first officer and Irish captain, include Jordanians, Kuwaitis,

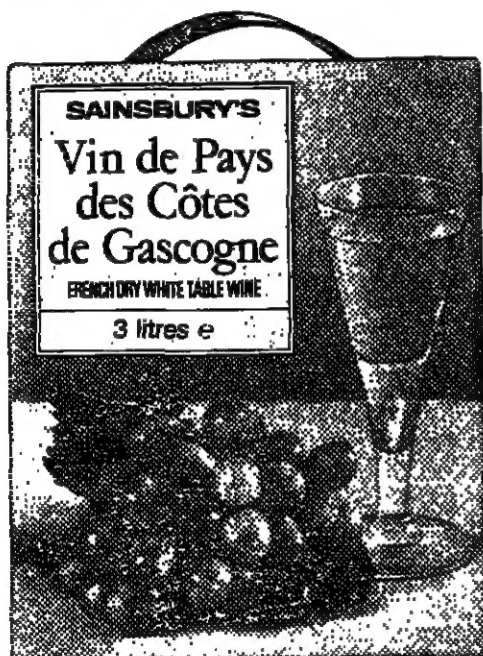
Egyptians, Algerians, Iraqis and some Africans. The Italian authorities think that some of the crew members may have been naval cadets from Arab countries assigned to escort the arms shipment safely to the Gulf.

Captain Scallan would be able to answer that question, but he is incarcerated in Genoa's high security prison. He is still claiming that he knew nothing about the contents of the cargo. This does not tally very well with statements in Liverpool and UASC's British agents, that the cargo was a perfectly legitimate, fully declared arms shipment to a non-participant in the Gulf war.

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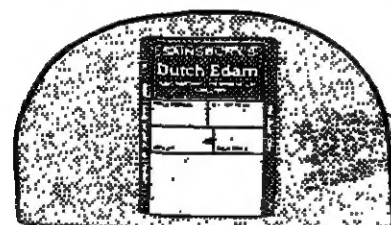
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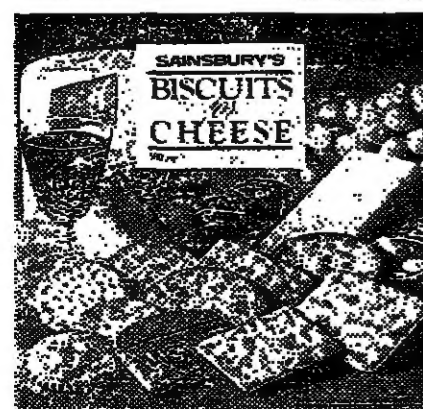
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Indian troops seal off Tamil escape routes from Jaffna

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Indian troops in the northern Sri Lankan town of Jaffna are sealing off escape routes for the Tamil Tiger guerrillas trapped by their 11-day offensive.

According to refugees' reports coming out of Jaffna, the Indian soldiers are virtually roaming at will in the heart of the town, with only pockets of resistance left.

Such resistance as there is comes mostly from the northern part of the town, facing Urumpirai, and Kopai North.

The Indian authorities both here and in Delhi have been unable to give casualty figures for the Indian forces for the past two days. The immediate assumption is that they may therefore be high, and Sri Lankan sources have been estimating them in the region of 150 dead.

Troops in Urumpirai were said by the Indian High Commission in Colombo yesterday to have moved forward to Konduvil, which is still a 1½ miles away from the municipal limit. In Kopai North, the troops have begun moving their main axis into town. Troops from here began the campaign by heading eastwards to Navatkuli. Now, having cleared a series of well-defended arms depots and workshops, they are moving south-west.

The official spokesman for the Indian foreign ministry in Delhi said yesterday that

troops who linked with a column moving down from Manipal had secured the coast road, and sealed off access to Jaffna lagoon on that side.

On the eastern side, troops on the Navatkuli axis are on both sides of the railway line, although officials here and in Delhi are unable to say how far they are along it.

The hunt is now on for the

Delhi — India airlifted 300 more soldiers to Sri Lanka yesterday as a reserve for mop-up operations in Jaffna (AFP reports). Defence Ministry sources said there would be no need for further reinforcements as Indian troops were now virtually in command of Jaffna.

leader of the rebels, Mr Vellupillai Prabhakaran, who launched the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to carve out an independent homeland for the Tamil people in the north and east of the island.

He was reported earlier to be hiding in a Hindu temple on the outskirts of the town, but this may be wishful thinking by the Indian forces. It seems probable that he has already slipped away and may surface elsewhere to continue his campaign.

A Sri Lankan minister said last night that ideally they would like to see eight of the top leaders of the LTTE wiped out. "Then we should be left

with a only a residual terrorist problem," he said. "But if one of the eight escapes we shall be back to the hit-and-run tactics again."

He named the eight as Prabhakaran, the leader, and K. Mahendraraja his second-in-command, Soosay, Yogi, Santosam Master (so-called because he is a school teacher), Newton, Karuna and Tilaka, a leading theoretician of the movement. He also named Anton Balasingham, who has for several years been the chief spokesman of the movement in Madras in south India.

A senior Sri Lankan security source admitted last night what had previously only been rumoured — that, despite Indian protests about their self denial of air cover during operations, on one occasion air cover had been provided by the Sri Lankans at the Indians' urgent request.

It happened when a group of commandos had been air dropped into an unsecured landing ground north of Jaffna and suffered heavy casualties. The Indians needed instant help, and the Sri Lankans brought up helicopters to give covering machine-gun fire to an armoured rescue.

A recording of radio messages during these operations smuggled out of the north and circulating in the capital makes it clear that the Indians and Sri Lankans were working closely together.

Caution guides Japan's Prime Minister-elect

By Michael Dynes

The surprise decision by the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, to designate Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Liberal Democratic Party's General Secretary, as his next President will make him the 15th Prime Minister since the Second World War.

A reticent and ultra-cautious politician, Mr Takeshita has a profound reverence for consensus and an almost legendary loathing of confrontation. Once quoted as saying "You gain nothing from getting angry. Listen to what others tell you, even if it sounds foolish", he has acquired a name for timidity.

As the eldest son of a provincial sake brewer, Mr Takeshita now has the distinction of being the first Japanese

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politician to rise from humble rural origins to the highest office in the land — despite in recent weeks consistently coming bottom of the popularity opinion polls behind the other two aspirants.

Mr Takeshita first entered the House of Representatives in 1958, three years after the LDP was formed, after graduating from the commerce department of the exclusive Waseda University. A politician by instinct, he began to cultivate his personal ties with parliamentary colleagues, which has earned him a reputation as the consummate party man.

He promptly aligned himself with Mr Eisaku Sato, a former Prime Minister, who was succeeded in 1972 by the now disgraced former Prime Minister, Mr Kakuei Tanaka. It was under Mr Tanaka that



Mr Noboru Takeshita painting an eye on a lucky doll in Tokyo after being nominated Prime Minister-designate of Japan.

Mr Takeshita rose up the LDP hierarchy.

After months of hesitation, Mr Takeshita eventually summoned up the nerve to break from his ailing mentor to form his own faction earlier this year, taking the majority of former Tanaka supporters with him and in the process marking a shift of power from the prewar to the postwar political generation.

Mr Takeshita is best known

abroad for his period as Finance Minister in Mr Nakasone's Government. He represented Japan at the crucial Group of Five meeting at New York's Plaza Hotel in September 1985 which took the decision to bring down the value of the dollar against the yen — which did little to endear him to Japan's business community.

Although long considered the most likely replacement

for Mr Nakasone, Mr Takeshita is nonetheless seen in the West as the worst possible successor. Since he represents one of the most rural and conservative constituencies in the country, few expect him to embark on the kind of reforming initiatives Japan is so desperately in need of to help ease tensions with its main trading partners.

To the consternation of Western observers, Mr Take-

shita has openly declared that he has no firm views on any of the main political issues facing Japan, although he supports all of Mr Nakasone's policies.

In foreign affairs, his call for "multilateral diplomacy and co-prosperity for all", apart from betraying a token interest in the world beyond the Japanese archipelago, raised the spectre of a return to an inward-looking Japan.

Arms impasse and Afghan war sour Pakistan's ties with US

From Our South Asia Correspondent
Islamabad

Relations between Pakistan and its superpower friend, the United States, are going through an unusually chilly spell. While the US tries to find some way of sending money and guns to Pakistan that will not break its own laws on nuclear non-proliferation, the Pakistanis are beginning to consider that the Americans are not wholly reliable allies.

In addition, a series of lethal bomb explosions which rocked Pakistani cities has done much to persuade citizens that support of the Afghan Mujahideen guerrillas is not in the country's best

Washington — Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, is being urged by the US to reconsider his rejection of direct talks with Pakistan over its nuclear programme (Christopher Thomas writes).

At a meeting with President Reagan yesterday, Mr Gandhi is understood to have repeated that an agreement to ban nuclear weapons would not halt Pakistan's nuclear programme, which Islamabad insists is peaceful.

Interests. Parliament was told recently there were 256 such explosions in the year to mid-July, with other bombs being defused

daily. In the capital one bomb exploded in a crowded market early this month, and a second was discovered before it exploded the next day.

Pakistan depends heavily on the US for assistance, both for its economy and its defence equipment. Military aid to Pakistan stands suspended at present, while the US Congress ponders the arrest of a Canadian citizen of Pakistani origin, Mr Arshad Farveez, who is accused in Philadelphia of illegally trying to export special steel used in the manufacture of atomic weapons.

Military aid to countries which decline to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is prohibited,

unless the US President can certify that the recipient does not possess and has not tested a nuclear bomb. Despite clear evidence that Pakistan is doing more than enrich uranium for electricity generation, President Reagan has been able twice so to testify.

But earlier, when a Pakistani was caught trying to smuggle atomic bomb parts out of the US, a further amendment was made to the certification: the President had to declare also that there had been no violation of US law in attempting to acquire bomb-making equipment.

This he is unable to do until the Farveez case is cleared up, and since October 1 his earlier

certification has expired. However, no direct link has yet been established between Mr Farveez and the Pakistani Government, and it is possible that none will be. But questions are asked as to why Mr Farveez should want the special steel — known as "maraging" steel, used to protect nuclear centrifuges from the corrosive effect of uranium hexafluoride gas — particularly at the spectacularly inflated price he was prepared to pay.

The Pakistanis feel humiliated by the situation. The nuclear programme has wide general support among all political groups here, and even those parties known to be heavily pro-American are

urging the Government "not to go with a begging bowl".

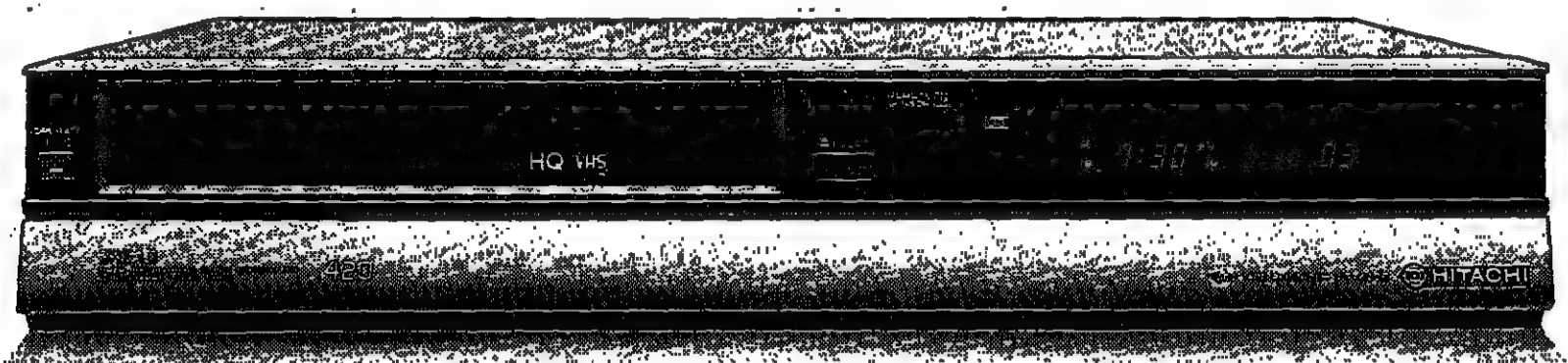
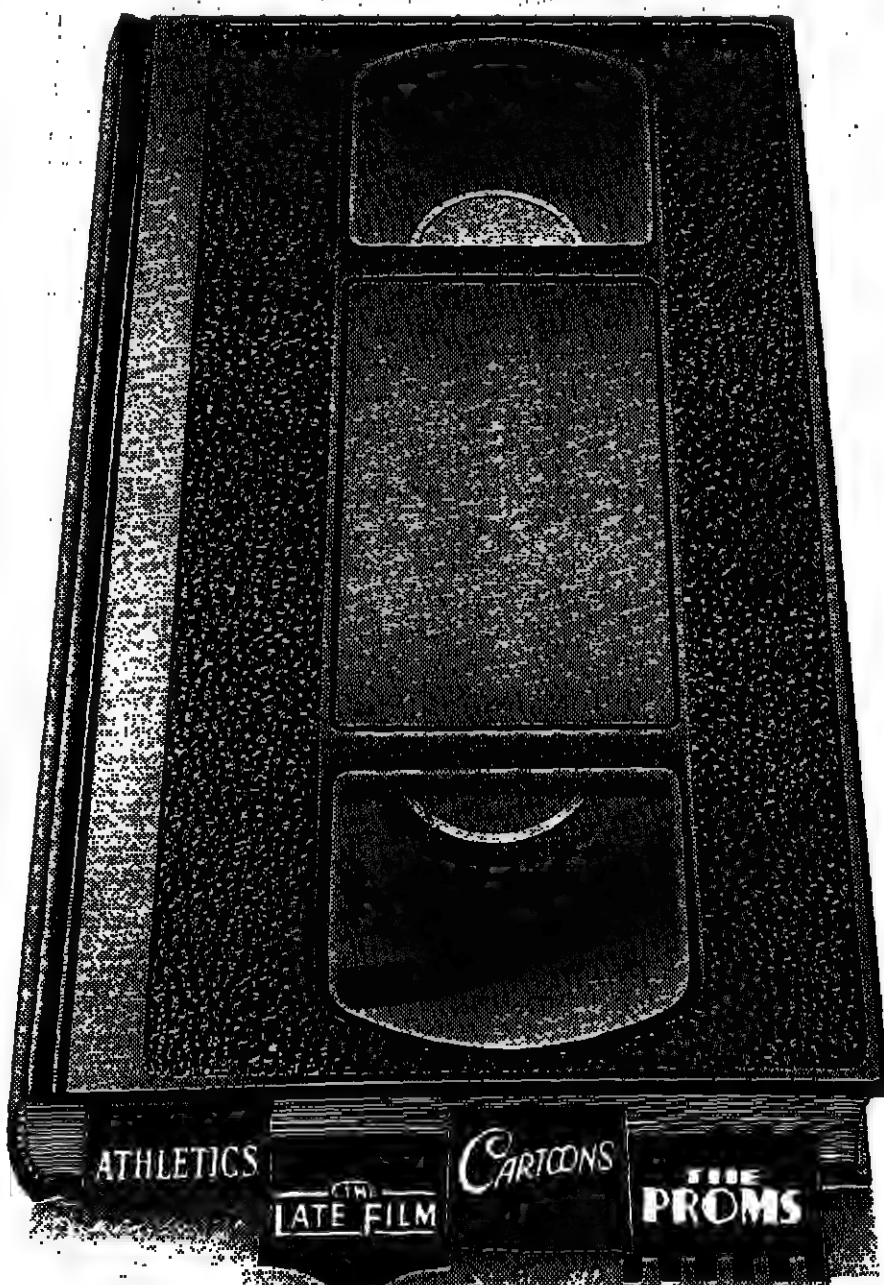
The Pakistani Government has repeatedly said that it will sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty, if India does the same; it will allow its nuclear facilities to be inspected, if India does so; it will sign a bilateral treaty with India or a regional nuclear treaty; and it will agree to a nuclear-free zone, if India reciprocates.

India, confident in the recollection that it exploded a nuclear device in the Rajasthan desert 13 years ago, and that it is developing a rocket system that could deliver a nuclear payload, seems unlikely to agree to give up such advantages this lead may give it.

If the US tries to suggest, as it often has, that Pakistan should agree to non-proliferation safeguards unilaterally, the Pakistanis appear miffed.

In any case, the feeling is that "America needs us more than we need America". A Pakistani commentator observed: "We have been described as the main combat of arms to the Mujahideen. How else will the Americans be able to supply them... through Iran?"

The sentiment seems to be justified. It is clear that officials of the US Administration are pressing for supplies to Pakistan to resume.



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Quest for reconciliation stepped up as pressure grows on Central America peace plan

Former Contra chief returns under amnesty in Nicaragua

By Our Foreign Staff

Señor Edgar Chamorro Coronel, a former leader of the American-backed Contra rebels, has returned to Nicaragua under an amnesty from the Government.

He said he would stay "as long as I can to work for peace and reconciliation".

It was his first time in the country since before the Sandinistas came to power during 1979. A large group of journalists and photographers, but no government officials, met him at Managua airport.

Foreign Ministry sources said Señor Chamorro asked the Nicaraguan consulate in Washington for an entry visa two weeks ago. It was granted within the framework of the amnesty available to any rebels who will put down their weapons, the sources said.

Señor Chamorro, aged 56, has lived in Miami, Florida, since 1979. Expelled from the Contras three years ago, he was a member of the directorate of the estimated 12,000-strong Nicaraguan Democratic Force — now known as the Nicaraguan Resistance — which has been battling since 1982 for the overthrow of the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front.

He was expelled from the rebels' leadership in 1984 after accusing Señor Adolfo Calero, their political leader, and Colonel Enrique Bermúdez, the Contra military chief, of embezzling funds provided by Washington. Señor Chamorro

had also voiced concern over allegations of widespread human rights abuses by the rebels, and later charged that the American Central Intelligence Agency was manipulating the movement.

Since then, he has been a consultant on Latin American issues in Washington.

His return follows the Contras' announcement last week that they would send a delegation to Managua before a November 7 deadline to begin talks on a ceasefire, as agreed in the Central American peace plan signed by five presidents in the region.

But Nicaragua said it would jail the delegation if the rebels did not first apply for amnesty.

Señor Chamorro said in Washington last week that he would make a two-week trip to speak, write, travel to villages and decide whether to return permanently.

He added then that he wanted to test the Sandinistas' promises of amnesty and greater freedoms.

"It is important for Nicaraguans to go back, with an open mind, and see if the Sandinistas really mean what they are saying," he said.

Señor Chamorro said at the airport that he left the Contras because he did not agree "with the injustices and atrocities that the forces backed by the United States commit".

He added: "It is time for them to stop."



Señor Chamorro explaining his intention to work for peace in Nicaragua as he arrived at Managua airport. It was the former Contra leader's first time in the country since before the Sandinistas came to power. He returned under an amnesty.

New notes give temporary light relief

From David Gollob
Managua

At the offices of the Nicaraguan telephone company, a teller sighed as a customer arrived to pay a telephone bill of 1.45 million córdobas (\$44). It took her 30 minutes to count and recount a shopping bag full of 1,000-córdoba notes.

Life will be easier for clerks, merchants and shoppers in Nicaragua from this week, when a new series of 20,000-córdoba (\$6) banknotes enters circulation.

However, relief from bulging pockets of nearly worthless banknotes may not last long. Inflation is likely to catch up quickly with the new 20,000-córdoba note. A 5,000-córdoba note issued last summer has depreciated by more than half.

The official government exchange rate for the US dollar has more than quadrupled in the past six months, and

the black market rate has outpaced it. The new 20,000-córdoba note is worth slightly more than a dollar on the black market, roughly half its value at official rates.

"This economy is in deep trouble," said a Western diplomat, arguing that worsening shortages, mismanagement, and a critical balance of payments deficit were threatening to produce a "systematic breakdown" of the Nicaraguan economy.

A threefold drop in export earnings since the 1979 revolution is seen by most analysts as the root problem. The Government blames the war; critics blame government attempts to impose centralized control over prices, which they say have destroyed incentive to produce and have swollen the black economy.

"Exports are falling every day, production is falling and there is no end in sight," Señor Ramiro Gardía, vice-president of

Nicaragua's Private Enterprise Association, told a public meeting recently.

"At this rate it will take 52 years to repay just the principal on our (\$6.6 billion) foreign debt," he says. "And if there is peace, do you think the economy will grow?"

Diplomats here have speculated that the critical state of the economy and failure to defeat the Contra rebels were factors that prompted President Ortega to sign a Central American peace agreement in Guatemala on August 7.

However, analysts are doubtful that peace alone can rescue Nicaragua from the crisis. Even if there is an end to the war, more than a billion dollars (about \$600 million) a year in foreign assistance, they calculate, would be required over a five-year period to resuscitate the economy.

Costa Rica turns back thousands seeking asylum

From Martha Honey, San José

Attempts to make Central American relations more normal, under the new regional peace plan, received a severe blow at the weekend when several thousand Nicaraguans tried to seek political asylum in Costa Rica.

Señor Juan Félix Barrantes, the director of the Costa Rican Civil Guard, said on Monday that "we managed to stop thousands of Nicaraguans from crossing the border". Señor Hernán Garrón, the Minister of Public Security, said 600 Nicaraguans got into Costa Rica before security forces stopped another 2,000.

The incident occurred as Nicaragua allowed 7,000 people to go a few yards into Costa Rica to visit family members who had fled from

Nicaragua as refugees. The 600 who did cross, almost all men of draft age, are being held in tents near the frontier.

The Sandinista Government, under newly instituted liberal policies, had been allowing such visits over the past few weeks on the Honduran and Costa Rican borders as part of moves to improve relations in Central America, under the peace deal due to come into effect on November 7.

Señor Rodrigo Madrigal Nieto, the Foreign Minister of Costa Rica, said he did not believe the refugee influx would disrupt implementation of the peace plan, but rather underscored the need for a negotiated ceasefire in Nicaragua.

Initiative by Arias undermines rebels

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

With the Central American peace plan due to take effect in less than three weeks, President Reagan's six-year strategy of aiding the anti-leftwing guerrillas in Nicaragua is in chaos and seems about to collapse.

The demise of the Contras, a 10,000-strong army created secretly by the Central Intelligence Agency, could be only months away. The tide of opinion in Congress seems to be moving irreversibly against further military aid.

Contra leaders are bitter. Aid has been given, held back, given partially, given fully and again held back in a sporadic, muddled and demoralizing fashion by Congress, where the Democratic opposition has constantly changed direction as it searched for a clear policy.

Mr Jim Wright, the Democratic Speaker of the House of Representatives, said he could not conceive of any circumstances in which Congress would grant more military funds to the rebels. The standard Republican charge that the Democrats are "soft on Communism" has clearly lost its sting.

Mr Wright and most of his congressional colleagues are embracing the unfolding peace plan initiated by President Arias of Costa Rica, a somewhat vague and imprecise accord which nevertheless has helped undermine Mr Reagan's more militaristic approach.

But already the accord, signed on August 7 by Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and El Salvador is in trouble. President Azcona of Honduras said his Government will be released from obligations under the agreement unless Nicaragua complies fully with it by November 7, when it is due to take effect.

He joined a growing chorus of Central American demands

for the Sandinista Government to begin direct ceasefire negotiations with the Contras, which it refuses to do. Señor Arias and President Duarte of El Salvador have also called for direct talks.

Señor Arias has bluntly told Congress and the Administration that renewed military aid at this delicate stage would destroy his peace plan.

It is now obvious that the full terms of the agreement cannot possibly be implemented by November 7. But Mr Reagan is insisting that Nicaragua should not be allowed to renege on its pledge to allow full democracy and to end all Cuban and Soviet involvement.

The Reagan Administration is convinced that the accord, which it does not like, is going to collapse sooner or later. Its strategy is to insist that if any part of the agreement fails, then the entire plan must be seen as a failure.

Time is critically short for the rebels, who will soon start running out of basic equipment.

Mr Reagan regards their plight as so urgent that he is asking Congress to vote by November 26 on a request for \$270 million (£162 million) in aid, most of it for military purposes, over an 18-month period. He will argue that without continued pressure from the fighters, the Sandinistas will have no incentive to abide by the peace agreement.

The Contras have failed to achieve their primary military objective of capturing and holding Nicaraguan territory, but they have had a devastating impact in the countryside by attacking pylons, electricity sub-stations, bridges, roads and pipelines.

Even Democratic leaders privately admit that without the Contras, the Sandinistas would not today be sitting at the negotiating tables.

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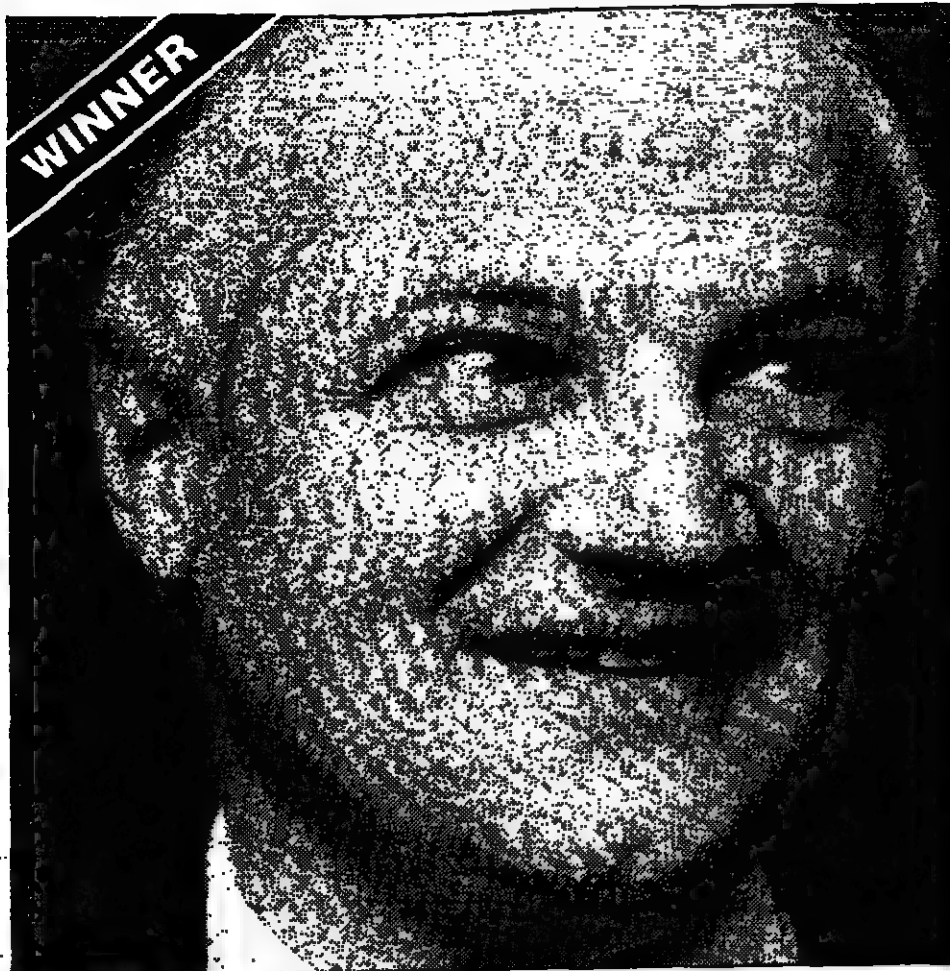
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SPECTRUM 1

Bulls and bears . . .



"I'm confused": Sir James Goldsmith may have been bewildered by what has happened on the world's exchanges, but he had the sense to sell large amounts of his holdings just in time

In early August Sir James Goldsmith startled the financial world by selling large parts of his American investments as well as his stake in his French master company, Générale Occidentale, for £150 million. "We have reached a point," he said at the time, "when many uncertainties are not reflected in the market. I'm not a bear. I'm not a bull. I'm confused." Today the City is littered with people wishing that his confusion had been contagious.

Goldsmith had spotted something which few others wanted to think about — world stock markets in the 1980s had gone too far. Rising share prices had come to be taken for granted. New, rapidly expanding companies had grown huge overnight on the back of massive investor confidence. The wizardry of new types of entrepreneurs, far removed from the grey industrial barons of the past, became a part of Mrs Thatcher's enterprise culture.

Richard Branson in his balloon or Sir Terence Conran in his role as mandarin of good design were the new business establishment, representing the view that capitalism worked and could be fun. With records, furniture, computers and even cosmetics, Branson, Conran and their contemporaries supplied the same wealthy City youngsters who were making fortunes dealing in their shares.



Part 3: The Losers

The key to success was the exploitation of new markets: Branson's Virgin Group grew out of a pop record business; Conran's Storehouse Group out of selling furniture to a newly affluent middle class; Gordon and Anita Roddick's Body Shop out of selling cosmetics to the environmentally aware; and Alan Sugar's Amstrad out of selling cheap stereos and even cheaper computers.

But a crashed stock market could destroy the image of success. Lower share prices reduce the room for manoeuvre by making takeovers or expansion more difficult. And, of

course, it severely dents personal fortunes. This is doubly painful in new companies still based on individual inspiration, as the founder has usually retained a sizeable stake. Alan Sugar, for example, has 250 million shares in his Amstrad Consumer Electronics. This represents just under half the company. At the opening of the Stock Market on Monday morning the share price was 169p, valuing the company at £20 million, by last night the shares were down to 125p to produce a value of £687 million. Sugar's own value on paper had fallen by £110 million.

Richard Branson's Virgin Group shares began this week at 150p. By last night they were down to 113p. Branson has 92 million shares, bringing his loss on the week to £40 million.

Conran's Storehouse Group has been the subject of widespread takeover rumours which have played havoc with the share price recently. On Monday it opened at 392p but by last night had fallen to 273p, making Conran's loss on his just-under 30 million shares almost £35 million.

The Body Shop, the creation of Gordon and Anita Roddick, opened on Monday at 860p; last night it was 625p, reducing the value of the Roddicks' holdings by £8.2 million.

But there were winners. Or, at least in the case of Stephen Dean, relatively small losers. He is the chairman of Dean and Bowes, a tiny pub refurbishing company. He owns just over four million shares. For no very clear reason, the D and B share price rose slightly on Monday and only fell 5p to 173p yesterday. "Funny what you can do, swimming against the stream."

Perhaps the biggest winner of all was, ironically enough, Wall Street's Public Enemy Number One, Ivan Boesky. As part of his deal with the American Securities and Exchange Commission, he was allowed to unload \$440 million worth of stock — well ahead of the Crash of '87.

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Who's panicking?

• The British sitting-room proved itself yesterday to be a considerably less volatile financial centre than the computerized floor of the Stock Exchange. There were no frantic screams of "Sell, sell" into the telephone.

Mr Albert Bunby, a 40-year-old scientific glass-blower at Kingston Polytechnic in Surrey, said: "My window's pretty high up here, but I haven't once been tempted to throw myself out of it. In fact, if prices keep dropping I'll probably pop out and buy some more shares."

He was on a camping holiday when a TSB bank manager in the next tent told him: "If you don't apply for the TSB share issue you need your brains examined." He was rewarded with 700. "Since then we have bought a couple of minimum holdings of British Airways and Rolls-Royce, and six or seven hundred British Gas. Rolls-Royce has been pretty disastrous, but if I just hang on to all my certifi-

cates and give them to my children when they bury me, then I won't have any regrets."

Mr Bunby seemed to be echoing the general view of the new wave of family speculators when he said: "I've only used a bit of spare money and if I couldn't afford to lose I wouldn't have dabbled in the first place. I don't even have time to look in the papers to see how things are going. You need at least an hour a day to study form if you're going to

I propose to sleep through this particular crisis

invest properly, so I really just go for gut reaction."

"But where else in the world could you get a bank share for a pound? Banks do well in good times and they do well in crisis. I don't care if they drop to a penny, they're bound to go up three, four, maybe five times, in the next 10 years."

Mr Bunby was one of five new shareholders who outlined their hopes and phob-

ophies in *The Times* exactly six months ago. Another was Mr Brian Taylor, a transport manager with the Lancashire-based chemicals group, Laporte Industries. Unconvinced by the prospects of Britain's newly-privatized companies, Mr Taylor decided instead to take up £500 worth of stock in his own firm. He has since increased that holding to £800.

"I know that the chemical industry is sound and I haven't even looked to see what has happened to my shares this time," he said yesterday. "I'll probably try to find out in about a fortnight. In the mean time I propose to sleep through this particular crisis."

And a third newcomer to the market place, Fran Gutting, a London freelance layout artist, was feeling even more relaxed after cashing in her 300 TSB shares before the latest crisis. "If I have any worries they are nothing compared with everyone else's," she said. "I'll just sit tight for the time being."

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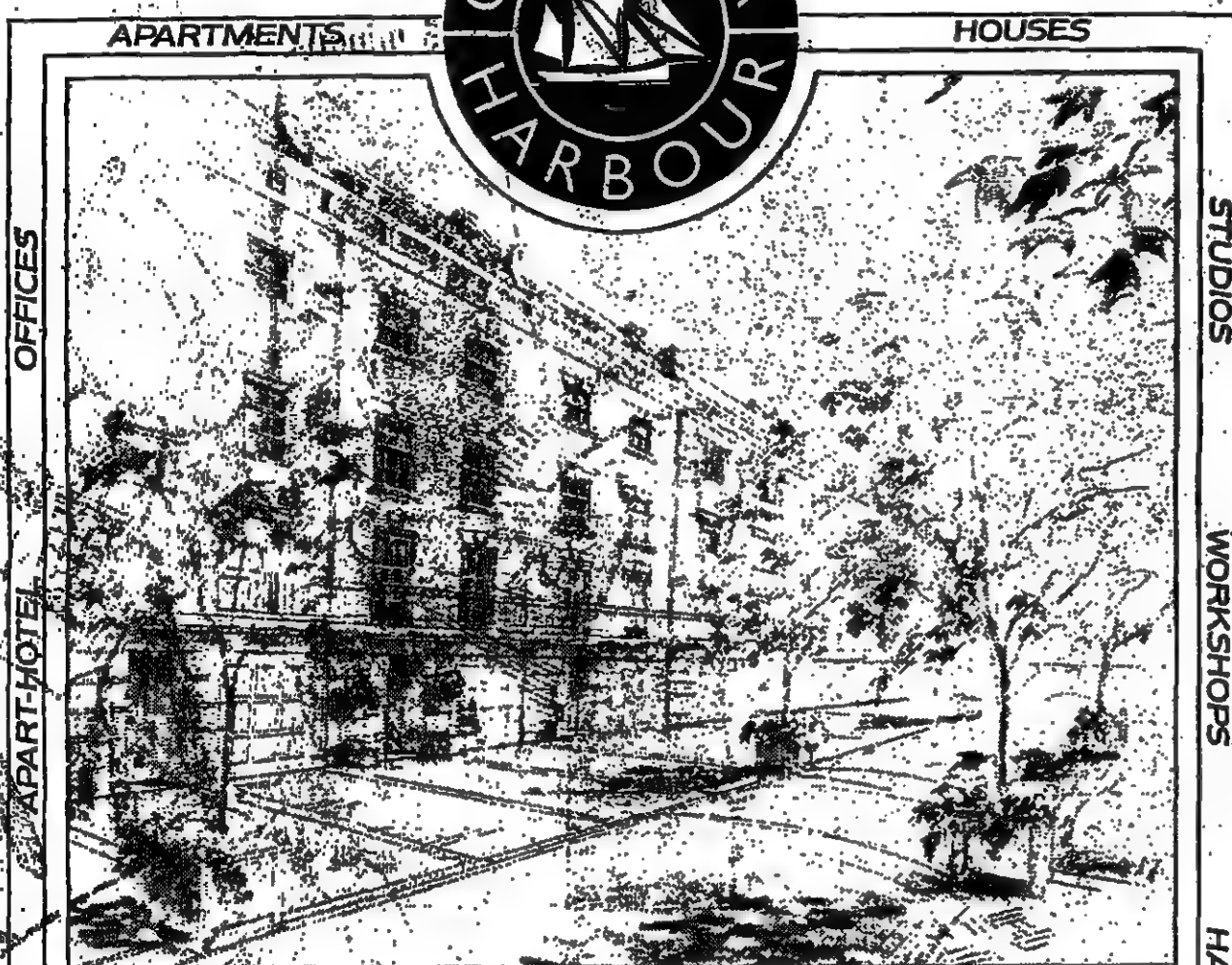
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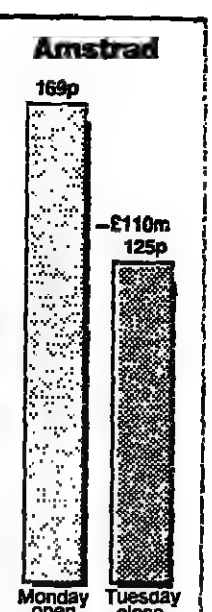
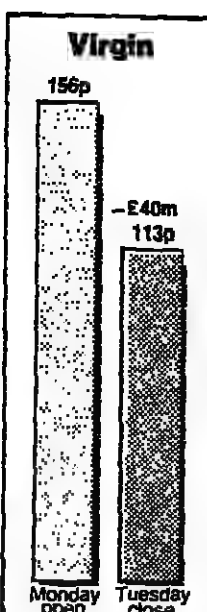
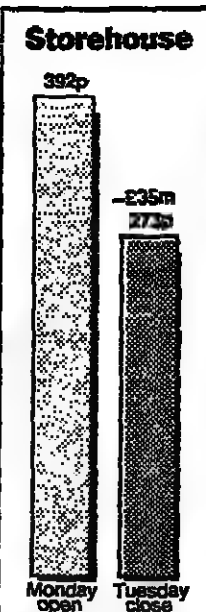
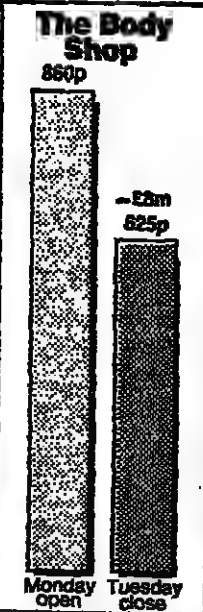
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SPECTRUM 2

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The Body Shop: Anita Roddick opened her first shop in Brighton in 1976 selling herbal cosmetics. In partnership with her husband, Gordon, and with £5,000 worth of backing from a local garage owner, she expanded rapidly, going public in April 1984. By then the company had seven shops and 92 franchise outlets, manufactured 25 per cent of its own products, and forecast profits of £390,000. In the year to September 1986, profits had risen to £3.45 million.

Storehouse: Sir Terence Conran's Habitat — the first shop opened in 1964 — grew steadily through the Sixties and Seventies but exploded after going public in 1981. Within two months it had taken over Mothercare and, within four years, British Home Stores. Performance, though, has disappointed the City and recent speculation has centred on the possibility of a break-up of the company. The rumours have kept the share price well ahead in its sector.

Virgin: Created by Richard Branson from his chain of record shops. It expanded into related areas — record production, video and, lately, satellite broadcasting besides his much-publicized airline venture. Virgin went public in November last year bringing Branson himself more than £100 million. But the shares started badly and the first figures disappointed the Stock Market. Branson kept going, however, recently buying a controlling stake in the publisher W. H. Allen.

Amstrad: Brought to the Stock Market by Alan Sugar in 1980, when profits were a mere £1.3 million, the City was at first cautious of any company attempting to make money in the UK hi-fi industry. But progress was relentless; by 1985 profits had reached £20 million and Sugar stunned the industry by producing machines at a quarter the price of the competition. Profits for the last year came to £136 million and Sugar has just announced a new word processor.

‘There will be a lot of second-hand Porsches and BMWs on the market’

Even without a bear market, the impact of the Big Bang has replaced the cosy existence of the dealers with a highly-pressured lifestyle dominated by the computer screen, **Bryan Appleyard writes**

On Monday morning the City of London shuddered as it was brought face to face with the dark side of the Big Bang. Shares fell catastrophically and the FT index dropped 140 points in the first hour of trading — more than doubling the size of its previous record drop on August 6, ‘Black Thursday’.

But, more importantly, Black Monday signalled that, for better or worse, we are all now part of a financial Global Village. Our markets are now far more subject to the whims and panics of the rest of the world. All the indications in Britain are reasonably good. The economy seems sound and company profits are high, but what drove the market down were big falls on Friday in Tokyo and Wall Street.

Even before the bull market became a bear market, however, the pressures caused by the Big Bang had created a new lifestyle in the City. An economist in his early thirties at an international bank explained: ‘Everybody talks about getting in at 7.15 in the morning. But the point is that I have to give a lecture to all the dealers and analysts on the world economy at that time. It's not a case of waking up over a quiet cup of coffee, you have to know everything the minute you walk in.’

‘And you can never get away from the screens. You have to look at them almost every 10 minutes and be ready with a view. You can't risk making a fool of yourself.’

The effect, he said, was a small, self-contained, highly-stressed community. Juniors coming into his office frequently left after a week or two, unable to take the pressure.

Heather Barker, Director of the Central London branch of the Samaritans, said their callers had been getting

progressively younger. Job pressures and the need to compete were now more frequently cited as a cause of intolerable stress and they, in turn, had put new pressures on relationships.

‘We now often have calls from girlfriends or wives about their husbands or boy-friends never coming home from work,’ said Barker. Calls to the Samaritans in Central London totalled 100,000 last year, an increase of about 10 per cent. But calls from the under-30 age group were up 17 per cent. This year the number of new callers is 20 per cent up. And, although suicide rates in general are down, among the young they are up. The Samaritans say there are two contradictory reasons: unemployment and job pressures.

‘There is plenty of evidence,’ said Barker, ‘that people are coming under peer pressure to perform. Horrendous relationship difficulties begin because people work all the hours that God sends. That leads to zero social life.’

The Rev. David Burgess, vicar of St Lawrence Jewry in the heart of the City, said: ‘I don't see the very young — they tend to be rather brittle and preoccupied. But when they come to talk about marriage, I always find they are very ambivalent about issues like having children. I think it's better when one partner is not working in the City — that gives them some perspective. When both are working there they think of nothing but work.’

‘It's a particular problem with the financial sector rather than the professions. They are tied to the City and to the treadmill of high commitments based on high salaries.’

The problem this week may not merely be an increase in pressure, there could also be a big decrease in jobs. Mergers and job losses have long been expected among financial institutions. A bear market could accelerate the process. ‘There will,’ said one banker, ‘be a lot of second-hand Porsches and BMWs on the market.’

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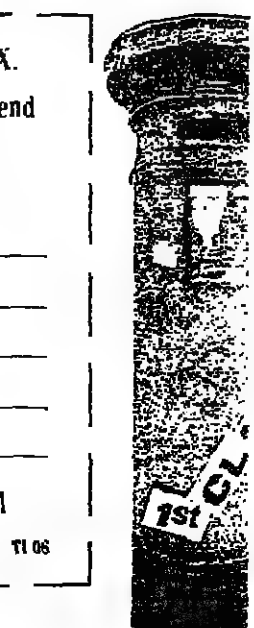
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Street wise

As stock markets bounce around, I recall that the widespread belief that the 1929 Wall Street crash produced an increased number of suicides was dismissed by John Kenneth Galbraith. In his book *The Great Crash 1929*—remaining copies of which were fought over in City bookshops yesterday—the economic guru reports that although the number of suicides did not rise either in the months of the crash or in 1929, the rate went up in the later depression years. "In memory, some of these tragedies may have been moved back a year or two," Galbraith believes that the public and newspapers seized on them to show that people were behaving appropriately in misfortune. He also uses statistics to dismiss that other great story: "Few people followed the classic method of jumping from a high window. One would-be suicide jumped into the Schuylkill River, although he changed his mind when he hit the water and was fished out."

City limits

Fears that the topicality of Caryl Churchill's successful play *Serious Money*, about the less salubrious workings of the City, might be lost in the stock market ups and downs, are unfounded. Although the play is set during the seven months between Big Bang and the general election, "it is about greed and fear, and the possibility that the system might crash any minute is mentioned", the author reminded me yesterday. Alterations to the script are, however, under consideration, as the British production is moving next month to Joe Papp's Public Theatre in New York for six weeks as a Broadway tryout. Currently rehearsing with the new cast at Wyndhams, Caryl Churchill is thinking about taking out the reference to the British Gas share issue for American audiences. I should think some of the play's City-based angels will be glad of its return after the past few days.

David Alton's controversial private member's bill to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 28 to 18 weeks will be introduced a week today on October 28—one day after the 20th anniversary of the royal assent for David Steel's abortion bill. As if that isn't coincidence enough, it is also the feast of St Jude, patron saint of lost causes.

Poor reception

Labour's fury with the BBC is not confined to Neil Kinnock who, as I reported yesterday, asks his staff each morning whether they have tuned into state radio—i.e. the *Today* programme. Peter Mandelson, the party's communications director, is also hopping mad. While preparing a paper for the NEC on the workings of the corporation, he had one of his staff telephone Patricia Hodgson, the newly appointed intermediary between the boards of governors and managers (and a former Tory candidate) for details of the composition of the two boards and the terms of reference for the new policy and planning unit. Mandelson was taken aback when instructed that the inquiry must be put in writing and, if it was to be dealt with promptly, bled round to the Beeb.

Animal magic

Policemen in Sheffield aren't having much luck in their relations with the animal kingdom. With the force reeling from the flak it took for using truncheons to clear a flat of bats, PC Brooks took special care when two old ladies called him to their high-rise flat to flush out a trapped squirrel. After covering the panicking animal in a canvas parking-meter hood, Brooks carefully released it in a nearby park and watched with satisfaction as it set up the nearest tree. Only later, reports the latest *Police* magazine, did a neighbour of the old ladies report her pet chipmunk, worth £250, was missing.

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Shepherd of a wayward flock

As Parliament reassembles, Julian Critchley assesses the task of the new Tory chief whip

but little known. His friends wonder whether he will be willing to listen, to suffer fools, which is a necessary talent for Tory chief whips. Those same friends speak warmly of his sense of humour, his intelligence and his capacity to take pains. A sense of humour when faced with a queue of Tories with doubts could be his, and our, saving grace.

As minister for immigration, Waddington had the most unpleasant job in the government. His task of having to administer new and tighter immigration regulations put him in the position of defending publicly the hardest of hard cases. He remembers with some affection a Tamil who claimed asylum on the grounds that he had hit a six into the grounds of a Buddhist monastery, the inhabitants of which promptly beat him up. The cricket-playing Tamil was in the end judged to have run himself out.

Waddington did win the admiration of his colleagues, who pay tribute to the care with which he considered every case, and the anxiety he expended on all save the obviously undeserving. At the time, he made no secret to his friends of wanting the chief whip's job, an ambition that happened to be shared by John Wakeham.

Were Waddington to favour introspection, he would do well to study the fates of previous chiefs whips, in particular that of Macmillan's, Martin Redmayne.

Lord Whitelaw held the job in opposition, always an easier task. Francis Pym ran a tight ship with the help of a small majority, but the Heath government did not enjoy a second term. Michael Jopling had the benefit of victory in 1979, John Wakeham had to nurse the party through the trauma of Westland, and cope with a large majority. Waddington, like Redmayne nearly 30 years ago, has to face a third term in office. A large majority, when taken with a dispirited Opposition, is a prescription for trouble of all kinds, including the vexed question of a fourth term for Mrs Thatcher.

Waddington must cope with the disaffected and the newly elected. The party's 53 recruits cannot be easily satisfied. The carrots of junior office have all been distributed, only the sticks remain. Long



Waddington: a sense of humour

nights in contentious bills over a period during which the government's popularity falls will sap the morale of all save the most ambitious. And there will be banana skins.

In the debate on the Queen's Speech, there was barely a voice, save for the party's virgins, which was not expressing doubt about some aspect of Mrs Thatcher's radicalism. The suggestion that schools might be sold off remains unconvincing; and doubts about the wisdom of a poll tax are widespread. It might just be that the party is not as radical as the Prime Minister pretends.

David Waddington has moved effortlessly through the middle ranks of government. Twenty years ago he starred in a BBC film entitled *A Year in the Life of...* In it he and his pretty wife spent their time on horseback, thundering across the northern fells, their voices lost to the wind. He may once again have to shout to make his voice heard. A Lancashire barrister from a textile family, Waddington has been called "effortlessly abrasive" and "tough and combative". He belongs to the old right of the party. Wakeham, wearing his old hat, took care to give him David Hunt as a more emotive deputy.

With Biffen to his right, Headline to his left, the "wets" below the gangway and Ted Heath dug in to the front, "Waddies" will have more opportunities that he might relish for keeping his nerve.

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Peter Brimelow on the financial experts who were caught out in the worst Wall Street crisis since the great crash of 1929

The gurus gored

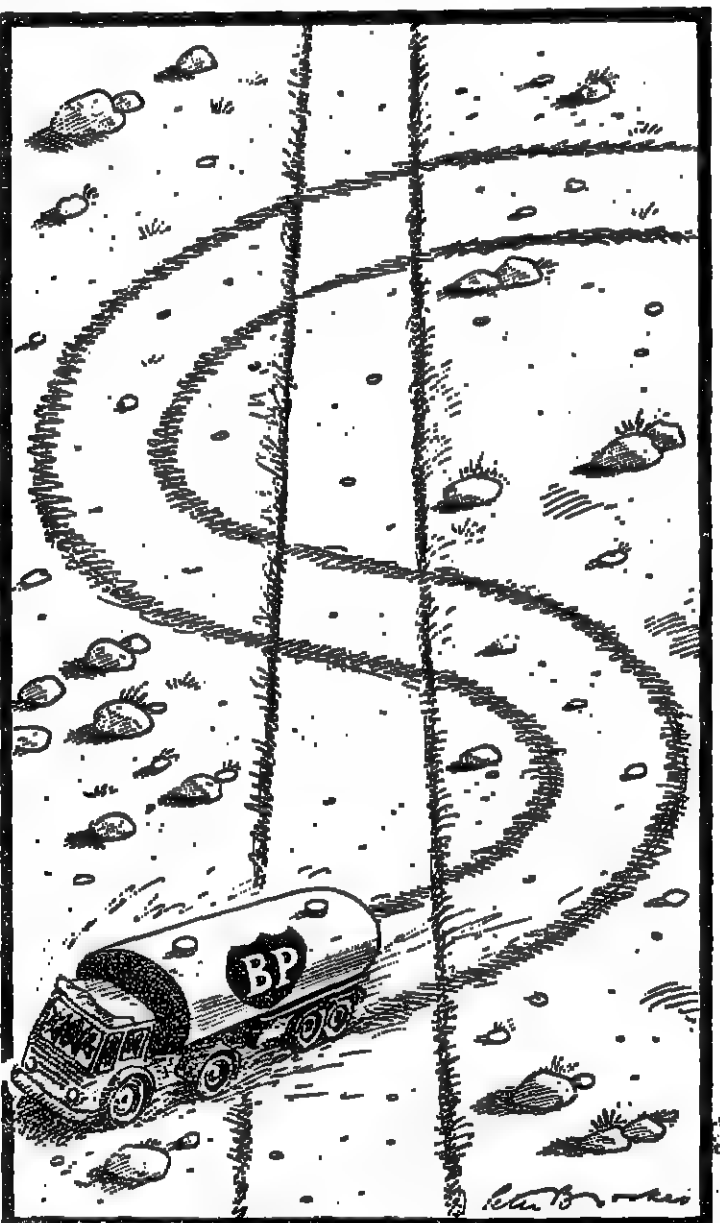
New York A disaster like Monday's Wall Street collapse is so overwhelming that the survivors are stunned into silence. It will take many years for the investment community to assimilate the effects—even supposing the free-fall does not continue. The effects are being felt around the world, not least in London, where prices have continued to drop, leading to some embarrassment for the government with its latest privatization venture, BP.

Nevertheless, some perspective is in order. The Dow Jones industrial average went from about 750 in August 1982 to above 2700 in August 1987 without one single "correction"—Wall Street language for a temporary pull-back period. And its correction since December 1974, the point from which most commentators date the "primary" or long-term bull market, had been neither sharp nor substantial. This was completely unprecedented. Like California earthquakes, a big shock was just a matter of time.

Even after the recent losses, the Dow is still at the levels of mid-1986. The stock market is supposed to presage the economy, but this hardly suggests a marked turn for the worse. And in fact the US economy is pottering along with no particular visible weakness. Of course, the stock market shock cannot help confidence, and conceivably could itself precipitate problems in the financial system.

Before Monday, there were prophets of doom complaining about the federal budget deficits, trade imbalances and other abstractions. But their arguments had not altered since President Reagan came into office, after which the longest boom in the modern era had occurred. An Indian immigrant, Professor Ravi Berra has just published a bestseller called *The Great Depression of 1990*. But his arguments are essentially moralistic assertions—and anyway, he predicted that the stock market would rise for another two years.

In the stock market, as opposed to the economy, the mood among advisers was not especially optimistic. Everyone knew perfectly well that the bull market had gone on far longer than usual, and that, by standard technical measures, it had reached and indeed



exceeded its maximum potential. But the market had brutally gored everyone daring to predict its demise. Even Joe Granville of the *Granville Letter*, a famous bear who actually published a book in 1984 drawing scores of parallels to 1929, had conceded he was wrong. Of all the leading investment services, only one got almost completely out and stayed out: Charles Allmon of *Growth Stock Outlook*, since mid-1986, Monday's action probably means

he is about where he would have been if he had ridden the market up and down.

The great guru of this bull market was Robert Prechter, editor of the *Elliott Wave Theorist* and exponent of an intricate—and to many incomprehensible—theory that discerns patterns in market movements. For several years, Prechter consistently predicted that the Dow would reach undreamed of heights, and he also predicted the interim breaks with

uncanny accuracy. He did it again last week. And although he advised his clients to buy back in on Monday it was with provisos that ensured that they did not in fact do so when the disaster became apparent.

Currently, there are rumours that Prechter will now abandon his long projected peak of 3600 on the Dow. His long projected low for the subsequent bear market is an incredible 70. Needless to say, a 500 point daily move seemed incredible last week too.

Perhaps the most remarkable performance came from Dr Martin Zweig of the *Zweig Forecast*. Zweig is a frenetic short term trader, but according to the meticulous Washington DC based *Hulbert Financial Digest* monitoring service he has made money in each of the past seven years. And on Monday his portfolio gained an astonishing 9 per cent by selling "puts"—the right to buy back at a lower price. A shaken Zweig now says the market is too volatile to touch but that a buying opportunity may develop later.

At the other extreme is Norman Fosback's very long term, and successful, *Market Logic*. Fosback has been expecting a bear market, but after Monday he calmly announced the market would return to new highs this year.

Special mention should be made of Richard Russell's *Dow Theory Letter*. Russell's service is idiosyncratic and so vague that the *Hulbert Financial Digest* cannot monitor it in any detail. But he won undying fame for clearly announcing the end of the 1968-74 bear market right on cue in December 1974. And now he has done it again, announcing the beginning of a primary bear market some days ago.

Even Russell, however, did not expect what amounts to an entire bear market to be compressed into one week. A primary bear market is not the end of the world, but this type of volatility puts people in an apocalyptic mood.

It is particularly disturbing given that the losses in the "great crash" occurred in the two or three years after 1929—and that they were caused, and the depression prolonged, by panicked government efforts to recoup the situation.

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Unionists await Anglo-Irish disagreement

There are signs that Ulster Unionists inter-governamental conference in Belfast between Tony King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Brian Lenihan, the republic's foreign minister.

It is not a case of conversion on the part of the Unionists. As a matter of principle they still abhor the presence in Stormont Castle of a minister from the republic, and distrust the republic's involvement in the running of Northern Ireland. They want the conference ended and its back-up secretariat of civil servants abolished. But in the absence of any clearly defined strategy, the Unionists are pinning their immediate hopes on the British and Irish governments falling out.

Their belief that the governments may be heading for their first major dispute since the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement two years ago has been prompted by Dr Garret FitzGerald, the former Irish Prime Minister. His contribution to a private British-Irish Association meeting in Cambridge last month alerted the Unionists to the depth of the differences between the governments over the linked issues of judicial reform in Ulster

and the extradition of wanted terrorists from the republic. His statement was greeted by Unionists as the first proof of their claim that there had been secret deals in the run-up to the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement in November 1985.

The spectacle of dismayed British ministers protesting that Mrs Thatcher had made no specific formal commitment to Dr FitzGerald revived the spirit of Unionists. "Garret FitzGerald, the man who made and then unmade the Anglo-Irish agreement," one remarked in a mock attempt at fixing FitzGerald's epitaph.

In an obvious attempt to limit the effect on Unionists, FitzGerald has modified his stance since Cambridge and has maintained that the agreement is working well. The two governments are trying to work out a compromise which will avoid the embarrassment of a stalemate over extradition and the courts.

The timing of FitzGerald's remarks, however, was more important than what he said. He has revived the morale of Unionists at a time when their campaign against the agreement has been falling apart: the boycott of Westminster and the civil disobedience

campaign of the 28 local councils have failed; a 400,000 signature petition to the Queen against the agreement has been ignored; and they have lost two Westminster seats to the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

So far Ulster Unionism, which has resolved many crises since Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill in 1886, has not shown the capacity to transcend its present difficulties. One possible way out was provided by a report, *An End to Drift*, by a task force of leading Unionist politicians, its authors, Harold McCusker and Frank Millar, respectively deputy leader and general secretary of the Official Unionists, and Peter Robinson, Ian Paisley's fiery deputy leader in the Democratic Unionists, recommended the resumption of dialogue with the government to find an alternative to the Anglo-Irish agreement and a renewed campaign against the agreement.

A key section of the report revealed new willingness to contemplate participation of the nationalist SDLP in a restored devolved assembly. A new generation of Unionists appeared on the verge of an historic compromise with Irish constitutional nationalism. The old guard of unionism

decided otherwise and appears to have shelved the report. Last month the leader of the Alliance party, John Hume, resigning for financial reasons, said he was pessimistic about early progress being made on devolution, because James Moynaux, leader of the Official Unionists, and Ian Paisley were opposed to it.

This was followed by Millar's announcement that he was leaving to take up a job as a television researcher in London. In turn, the resignation of Robinson brought into the open the discontent of the younger generation.

Meanwhile, Moynaux and Paisley have engaged in "talks about talks" with senior officials from the Northern Ireland Office. On September 14 King joined them for a session. They are due to meet again next month.

Although the two leaders have kept secret the contents of their Stormont talks, the general feeling among the Unionist rank and file is that they will produce little, if anything. There are mutterings of leadership challenges inside both Unionist parties, and speculation that Robinson might join the Official Unionists and spearhead a realignment in Ulster politics.

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When strangers rule the roost

The problem Fiji has with the Commonwealth is not one of a military coup followed by a military dictatorship, whether short or long. The Commonwealth is stiff with dictatorships. Nor is it a problem of the denial of human rights. These are denied in many parts of the Commonwealth. Still less is it white versus coloured as in South Africa.

The problem is the Westminster one-man, one-vote system of electing a government. It works in Britain today and in the old Commonwealth countries, but it is decidedly shaky in many of the new Commonwealth countries, with India the most triumphant exception so far. In bequeathing Westminster-style government to countries under British rule there was an assumption that, as the British system is intrinsically best, it must succeed everywhere, however different the conditions. The optimism was misplaced.

Fiji has belonged to the Melanesians since recorded history. It was the British who imported the Indians to operate the plantations, because the native Fijians are notoriously not enamoured of hard work. This is not yet an international crime and must be a matter of free choice. As the Indian immigrants rolled in, the Fijians never supposed that one day their numerical strength would give them and their descendants, on the Westminster pattern, control of the country. It was the liberal, high-minded British who made that possible without much thought for the future, or regard for human nature.

James I has been dead for centuries. The effect of his legacy in settling large numbers of Protestants in Ireland remains with us. The Protestants of Northern Ireland still seem alien to the indigenous Irish and always will. That they are a handsome majority in Northern Ireland and therefore dominate this part of Ireland, detached from the rest of the country, will inflame large numbers of Irish Roman Catholics for many more years, making a solution to the so-called Northern Ireland problem impossible.

Strangers can be popular or acceptable so long as they do not rule. The Norman Conquest did not end with the Battle of Hastings, but was followed by decades of brutality by foreign armies, which terminated with the invaders becoming so intermingled with the indigenous population that it at last became fashionable to claim Norman descent. Scottish anti-English nationalism erupts from time to time and is never entirely extinguished. In Wales resentment of the strangers from England, which conquered Wales, occasionally leads to the burning of their weekend cottages.

If seemingly rational people in these islands are not yet fully reconciled to the presence of strangers, whose ancestors came long ago, dominating their affairs, how can we expect the Fijians meekly to accept a very recent change in their status brought about, not by military conquest, but by British-induced peaceful immigration?

Other countries take precautions against this type of eventualities. The population of Kuwait was 1,695,000 in 1985. The majority are not Kuwaitis but come from Palestine, other Arab countries, Iran and the Indian subcontinent.

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A depilatory for Dan

In between doing the cooking and the shopping a modern saint of the sex war called Trevor Lloyd is about to launch a magazine for the new, caring man.

To be called *Everyman*, it will provide for the hard-pressed male the kind of homely hints, comforts and support which women's magazines dished out before women moved on to the offensive and liberated themselves from serfdom.

In addition to articles about underpants and aftershave, there will be a problem page serviced by three "agony uncles". I see them as Uncle Ben, Uncle Percy and Uncle Den, (the wicked one), each with their area of expertise. Here is a taste of what we can expect:

Dear Uncle Ben... I am 50 years old and all my life I have been trying to grow a beard. But all I can get on my chin are bristles. This makes me look fierce. When I want to look sensitive, I have always been big for my age and strong. But girls just see me as a bulk of flesh and call me violent. How can I soften my image? Please help. I am desperate. Dan.

Dear Desperate Dan... Crickets! Don't you understand that all that swaggering male behaviour based on a deep uncertainty about your role in the modern world. If you must dress up like a cowboy, people will treat you like one. Leave off that revolver, get some new clothes and stop worrying about your beard. Call it subtle and take up charming work.

Dear Uncle Den... I have always loved women, but never seem to be able to get beyond the chatting-up stage. I have had 286 dates and not so much as a tickle. Where am I going wrong. Yours, Naim.

Dear Mr Atallah... Your mistake was to ask them to lunch. Make it dinner next time. And try talking to them.

Dear Uncle Percy... The aunts

The 42 per cent who are Kuwaiti hold all the power and the rest may not become Kuwaiti citizens. Kuwait is taking no chances with a nice liberal British one-man, one-vote situation, either now or in the future. But there appear to be no international complaints from Rajiv Gandhi or anyone else. Saudi Arabia has a population of 12.5 million, of which a third are non-Saudis. They can whistle for any influence input into the management of Saudi Arabia. Malaysia, unnaturally and ungeographically separated from Singapore to form a far-flung Malaysian Federation to avoid becoming ruled by Chinese.

It is difficult to migrate to modern India, and generally you must live there for 12 years before an application for citizenship can be entertained. I believe very few are granted it. Switzerland, West Germany and France operate similar restraints on the acquisition of citizenship. The indigenous populations do not intend to lose control of their own country to floods of immigrants. The current population figures for Fiji—330,000 Fijians, 348,000 Indians and 37,000 others—are unlikely to make them diminish their resolve.

Which brings us to the question of immigration here. Hugh Gaitskell's father was in the Indian civil service. He romantically believed that the privilege, *civis Romanus sum*, with voting rights automatically attached, applied to all in the new and old British Empire and Commonwealth, with no limit to the number of immigrants. When I asked him whether he would feel the same if the numbers arriving from the new Commonwealth rose to five or 10 million or more he dismissed the notion as ridiculous. Though little has been said here in favour of the military coup in Fiji, I suspect that a strong majority, like me, sympathizes with Colonel Rabuka, if the letters I get from *News of the World* readers commenting on my weekly column are anything to go by.

We are an immensely long way from a Fijian situation, but there is an already arising in some areas of the country where there is a high concentration of coloured immigrants. The introduction of non-Western culture into schools, which contain pupils of Western extraction alarms many parents. The prominence of non-white leaders in some councils would be accepted with more tranquillity if so many of them did not aggressively proclaim their racism. In the view of many whites, they influence schooling, housing and employment in a pro-coloured and anti-white manner.

The decision of the Court of Appeal that the Home Secretary could not deport six Tamils who had illegally entered the country fuelled the fear that immigration could rise enormously by dint of the incoming immigrant merely claiming he is frightened to stay in his own country. It is easier to be tolerant of newcomers when their numbers are low, less easy when they begin to mount rapidly. Last year 18,500 new coloured immigrants, with full voting rights, settled here. That was only some 900 fewer than in 1984. Controls on immigration with the right to vote must be still tighter if growing friction is to be avoided.

are always on at me to get spiced. But what with one thing and another, the old path to the altar remains about as elusive to yours truly as the splendours of Nineveh to the average, run of the mill, Mesopotamian swineherd. My problem is that I already have a perfect relationship with a man and do not see how marriage could improve the Wooster lot. But how can I put this to the aunts? Yours Ben.

Dear Mr Wooster... Stop living in the past. Nowadays it is perfectly acceptable to set up house with a man if you have found one who does things for you. When the aunts call, he can pretend to be the butler.

Dear Uncle Den... My problem began when my mother sent me abroad when I was only 16. I was abused by foreigners, sold into slavery, and seduced by an elderly Turkish lady, who ill-treated me. I think I have come to terms with my past now, but I don't appear to be able to relate to any one woman. I only seem to meet girls who are interested in one night stands. I am not looking for love. I don't believe in it. But I don't want to be used and abused for the rest of my life. Yours Dan.

Dear Mr Joan... Do not reproach yourself. I think you are afraid to say you are looking for love because all the miseries of your past make you feel you do not deserve love. Believe me, it was not your fault. Do not go around looking for more rejection. Love is real. But you have to find it. PS. When you have finished with it, can I have your address book?

Dear Uncle Ben... I am thinking of starting a magazine for the new, caring, bewildered man. Do you think men would buy it? Yours Trev.

Dear Trev... No. But I can think of some women who would get a good laugh out of it.

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1929 AND ALL THIS

The governments of the leading free world economic powers have reacted swiftly and positively to the threat posed by the international collapse of share prices. In doing so, they provide the best hope of avoiding a repeat of the 1929 crash and the Thirties slump, which became a real danger on Monday.

The instinctive reaction of politicians to unexpected and inconvenient movements in financial markets is to dismiss them. Markets are notoriously volatile, they say, and the economy is fundamentally sound. In the wake of a sudden collapse in stock market prices, this is a healthy instinct, particularly if, as in Britain this week, the crash was not triggered by any new mishap or danger signal in the country's own economic affairs.

The first priority is, indeed, to bolster confidence by assuring the public that everything in the "real" world is normal; that they should take their cue from the healthy economy, not from the stock market spasm. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was engaged on precisely this exercise yesterday, as was his Japanese counterpart half a world away in Tokyo. After an emergency meeting in Frankfurt, the US Treasury Secretary and the West German Finance Minister, whose apparent disagreements had led to the steepest falls in share and bond prices on Monday, reaffirmed their joint commitment to stabilize exchange rates and avoid unnecessary rises in interest rates.

These soothing messages seem to have had a beneficial effect. It may be that markets were all along merely adjusting to the expected fall in the pace of economic growth in the United States, Britain and elsewhere from 1988 onwards. Changes in the way markets are organized may have made them capable, in the normal course of business, of mimicking the crash of 1929 — without repeating it.

Complicated investment strategies, common now in the United States, use computers to signal automatic selling to cut losses when share prices have fallen sharply. In London, a new generation of dealers face anonymous cathode ray tubes instead of their customers. Mesmerized by the technology, they grow fearful of backing their own judgement, and try to keep ahead of the constantly changing prices flashing up on the computer screens. Prices, therefore, fluctuate faster and further.

There comes a point, however, when assertions of normality by politicians are not enough. That point is reached when asset prices have moved so far that they change the prospects for the rest of the economy by themselves, when financial conditions are so altered that markets are incapable of bouncing back on their own. Investors are poorer, traders have lost their capital, risks are greater, credit for investment dries up.

That point of no return has probably not been reached in London, Frankfurt or Tokyo. There remains a risk of collapse, notably in New York. If that were to be realized, other leading markets would find it hard to avoid the contagion. They communicate instantly. They follow each other round the international clock. The same banks, investment institutions and securities houses deal in all the leading markets.

Leadership must, therefore, be asserted. Alongside measures to allay fear must go plans to counteract the cumulative effects of falling security prices. Otherwise a mild cyclical recession will become a worldwide slump. There are already some signs that governments and bankers are thinking this way. That should give a much-needed filip to confidence.

Such plans were absent in 1929. Then there had been a long stock market boom, increasingly driven by speculation on credit and by investment in companies that borrowed heavily in the hope of disproportionately large profits. When the bubble burst, many investors were ruined overnight, forced to cut their own personal spending and sell their other assets.

Banks were submerged under bad debts. Customers who had deposited money lost their savings. The supply of credit to business and industry dried up. Food and commodity prices tumbled. The banking authorities took an orthodox line, resisting cuts in interest rates and refusing to supply money to high-risk financial institutions. President and Congress succumbed to protectionism. Thus did the stock market crash swiftly cause the collapse of the American economy. It did not fully recover until the Second World War.

In theory, the story could be repeated now. Before the events of the last few days, inflation in the United States and excessive growth of personal borrowing in Britain both pointed to higher interest rates. The subsequent collapse in share values has transformed the credit background, pointing, if anything, to a policy of lower interest rates. A leap of imagination, open to misunderstanding abroad, would be needed to make such a sudden switch.

In the Twenties the leading stock markets depended heavily on credit — in the Eighties, much less so. Governments now stand firmly behind national banks as lenders of last resort, as the Bank of England demonstrated in 1974. It does no harm for political leaders to emphasize that. The US Federal Reserve has already made it clear that it will not repeat the mistakes of 1929.

In his turn, Mr Nigel Lawson should now view the Treasury's impending £7.5 billion sale of BP shares in terms of its effect on confidence. If private investors do not buy the shares, they will have to be taken by financial institutions that have guaranteed the sale for a fee, draining funds from the market.

The Treasury does not need the money. Mr Lawson will not want to protect underwriters from loss, but nor will he wish to see BP end up in the hands of big investors at home and abroad at the expense of wider share ownership.

The top priority in his decision must be the effect on confidence. It may help that confidence if he sticks to business as usual and continues with the sale in its present form. But if, as presently seems likely, it would hurt the markets, he should cancel the sale, or ensure that the Bank of England will relieve any strain on liquidity.

All such domestic action is, however, of limited importance. In one respect, the background is now more difficult than in 1929. The international financial and economic systems are much more interdependent. Gone, for instance, are the days of 1975 when the Prudential and other City institutions agreed to buy shares simultaneously and thereby reversed the London stock market collapse. Still less would it be possible for the United States or Britain to cut interest rates in isolation. Money would merely flood to other countries, adding to exchange rate instability.

International imbalances stemming from different national economic policies are the underlying cause of present fears. Interest rates, inflation rates, budget policies all still diverge widely. The consequent trade surpluses and deficits ensure volatile exchange rates and unstable financial markets. Some progress has been made, for instance in cutting Japan's trade surplus and America's budget deficit — but not enough. Markets will remain unstable until the sources of imbalance, particularly the US budget deficit, are removed.

President Reagan and the US Congress need to respond to the message of the markets and take action to adjust the Federal government's finances before the next presidential election. After years of stalemate Congress has at last shown some sign of wishing to compromise on the new budget projection for 1988, which requires emergency action even to keep within its generous deficit target.

This year's Louvre agreement for governments to stabilize exchange rates by dealing in the currency markets has already shown signs of breaking down. In a crisis, the finance ministers of the seven leading economic nations have been forced to swift rounds of telephone talks to strengthen it.

But it is only a stop-gap measure. Now is the moment for Mr Lawson to pursue his plan for more permanent management of exchange rate changes, in conjunction with the proposals of Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, to ensure a regime that does not accommodate inflation. Since both want the new system to evolve with experience, there is no need for a formal international conference like the post-war Bretton Woods.

Recession is also unlikely to be avoided unless the present trend to worldwide protection in trade blocs is reversed. The Trade Bill now being put together by the two parts of the US Congress, though aimed principally at Japan, would rapidly accelerate that trend. It echoes pre-war protectionist legislation, not just in the United States, which converted world trade from an agent of higher growth into a further cause of slump.

The onus is on Mr Noboru Takeshita, the incoming Japanese prime minister to display hitherto undiscovered leadership qualities in promoting open trade. He must do so in the context of the current Gatt talks to remove trade barriers. They seem likely to last an acrimonious four years. They should now be speeded up.

It would be foolhardy in the extreme for world leaders to assume that they can undo the crash on stock markets simply by expressions of mutual support and confidence. Conditions have changed. The post-war economic arrangements, inadequate as they ultimately proved, were a belated response to the lessons of the pre-war crash and slump. A new system of international economic co-operation is needed in time to prevent a recurrence.

this most researchers are grateful.

A much more serious problem at present is the appalling delay in making newspapers and weekly publications available at the Newspaper Library at Colindale, where it is not uncommon to be told that anything published after 1983 cannot be seen.

Exceptions are made for certain publications such as your own; but the irony persists that most of these can easily be seen elsewhere, whereas those which, as a library of the last resort, the BL has in a sense a duty to make available, disappear into a limbo of inaccessibility between the time when public libraries and back-numbers departments discard them (generally after a year or two) and their availability at Colindale.

If this problem could now be addressed with determination, I feel sure it could be solved.

Yours faithfully,
G. CHOWDHARY-BEST,
27 Walpole Street, SW3.

Tax on marriage

From Mr James McNeillage
Sir, From your leader in today's Times (October 12) it appears that one of the main reasons that Nigel Lawson has abandoned the wise

and fair transferable allowance system in his Green Paper is fierce opposition from the extreme feminist groups, because it would reduce the incentive for married women to go out to work.

What these people are really saying is that we must use the tax system of the country to force women, who would rather do a wife and mother's job properly, out to work. As one who has spent 40 years in management in a business employing mainly women I have seen all too often the extreme strain so many working mothers have undergone. To use the tax system to force them into this situation is wholly evil.

We know only too well the effect on child delinquency and indiscipline the so-called latch-key syndrome has caused. I have seen the broken marriages resulting from overworked and over-stressed women and yet an opportunity to reduce some of this is to be lost because a Chancellor is too cowardly to stand up to a fringe of frustrated fanatics.

Yours faithfully,
J. O. McNEILLAGE,
Lockbar,
Ufford Place,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Fears for effects of social fund

From the Director of the National Council for One Parent Families

Sir, This council would add its voice to the growing body of those who fear the effects of the new social fund. Over half a million lone parents rely on the current system of single payments which the social fund replaces. Currently they are by right entitled to a number of payments for household goods and other "one-off" items of expenditure vital to re-establishing their lives on the breakdown of marriage. Lone parents are the largest group of claimants to be affected by the changes.

The Government has argued that the premiums making up the new system of income support will give greater independence in spending power to those living on benefits, to ensure that the social fund is only a "residual" source of exceptional funding. Hence amounts from the fund will be distributed at the discretion of local DHSS officials, to be paid back out of claimants' budgeting on income support.

This might be valid if the amounts paid out in premiums are generous enough to meet the Government's expressed intentions. Few believe they will be. If our fears prove correct the social fund will become a source of desperation, not help, for lone parents.

The fund itself is discretionary, with no right of appeal. Our long-established experience as an advice agency which rapidly picks up on the real effects of policy change leads us to suspect that, with the best will in the world, harassed local officials will make snap decisions on the ground of personal prejudice. Past experience suggests that people's personal or sexual lives are too often used as a basis to judge need.

The paying back of loans on inadequate premium levels will rapidly become a nightmare for individual lone parents and the new armies of debt counsellors that will be needed to help them to budget, increasing the strain on all agencies concerned. Far from giving independence to lone parents on benefit, it will increase official interference in their lives, and make them even more dependent.

The Government says that it will keep an open mind on the working of the social fund. We believe the strictest monitoring will be necessary to avert hardship and heartache. On this issue at least the Government must be prepared to listen to the impact of its reforms as reported by organisations like our own, operating at the sharp end of the changes.

Yours faithfully,
SUE SLIPMAN, Director,
National Council for One Parent Families,
255 Kenilworth Road, NWS,
October 19.

Sales from museums

From Sir Denis Mahon, FBA
Sir, May I warmly welcome the statement of policy of the Chairman of the National Gallery Trustees (October 16) to the effect that his board opposes, as a matter of principle, the sale of any paintings held in trust by it for the nation?

The inference from his letter (though not spelled out) is that he and his colleagues would be greatly relieved if, following the reaction from experienced quarters to what may be no more than preliminary official thinking, the unwanted power were to be simply omitted from the proposed Bill.

In your columns as long ago as September 9 the Chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund wrote urging "the dropping of this dangerous proposal". It is widely supposed that the governing bodies of the three great national galleries affected and the Museums and Galleries Commission all profoundly desire its abandonment, realizing that its potential repercussions have not been sufficiently thought through.

Cannot these respected bodies join the private sector as represented by the National Art-Collections Fund in making their desire clear publicly in an unequivocal manner, thereby helping to save everyone seriously concerned with these matters an immensity of anxiety, trouble and controversy?

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MAHON,
33 Cadogan Square, SW1,
October 17.

Word of honour

From Mr Harry Flowers

Sir, I think Mr Gerald Bonner (October 14) is mistaken in suggesting that the oath should be abolished. After more than 30 years' practice as a solicitor in the sheriff courts in Scotland, I have found that not only Christians, but Jews and Muslims will give wildly optimistic statements about their case in the privacy of my own office in advance of a trial.

Then, after taking the oath with head covered or swearing on the Koran, an absolutely accurate account has been given, very much contrary to the witness's interests.

Sometimes there are problems with oaths, as when a Persian doctor turned out to be a Zoroastrian, and neither he nor anyone else knew how he should properly take the oath.

Unified effort to right gale damage

From the President of the Landscape Institute

Sir, The full extent of the damage wrought by the vicious storms of last Thursday and Friday is only now beginning to emerge.

During the next few days electricity will be returned to homes and work and within six months the bulk of the damage to buildings and property will be repaired. What cannot be put right for many decades, if at all, is the devastating damage caused to our landscape heritage by the scything effect of the hurricane-force winds.

With one third of the mature specimen trees of Kew Botanical Gardens down and extensive areas of the royal parks, town parks, historic gardens, street trees, hedges and woodlands affected, the damage is catastrophic.

Since the Great Storm of 1703 many of the great landscapes of Capability Brown, Repton and other more modern landscape designers have matured to form the green backdrop of our society. When added to the devastation of the past 20 years in terms of Dutch elm and other diseases, drought and frost damage, matters have now reached disaster proportions.

Whilst the cost of repair to property could cost insurance companies as much as £300 million, no established funds are available to replace the trees.

The Landscape Institute, as the professional institute of landscape architects, landscape managers and landscape scientists, wishes to take a strong lead in initiating and co-ordinating a replanting programme as soon as practicable. Part of this will be to seek specific sponsorship for certain projects.

Yours sincerely,
CEDRIC LISNEY, President,
The Landscape Institute,
12 Carlton House Terrace, SW1,
October 19.

Peace in Ulster

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East (Conservative)

Sir, John D. Taylor, MP, (October 15) attacks the Anglo-Irish Agreement claiming that "everyone knows" that claims for it are baseless.

The House of Commons delivered an overwhelming — historic — decision in favour of the Agreement: 473 members supported and only 47, including Mr Taylor and the Unionist members, opposed it. This decision reflected a wide view in Britain that the Agreement represented a major step towards bringing peace, stability and reconciliation to Northern Ireland.

The IRA and "loyalist" paramilitaries have, of course, tried to show that the Agreement cannot work because they have a common interest in violence, instability and the obstruction of reconciliation between the divided communities in Northern Ireland.

The IRA in particular is threatened by progress on security co-operation between Dublin and London under the Agreement, and by the swing, since the Agreement, within the nationalist community away from Sinn Féin and toward the SDLP, the political voice of constitutional nationalism in Northern Ireland.

We cannot expect the terrorists to see the advantages of the Agreement, because it does indeed threaten them. The vast majority of members of Parliament, and of the British people, expect however

that Mr Taylor and his Unionist colleagues should recognise that the Agreement poses no threat whatsoever for the Unionist people.

On the contrary, the Agreement, which is firmly established and has the full support and commitment on the part of the British and Irish governments, is making considerable progress in important areas of co-operation.

I believe that the ill-judged reactions of Unionist political leaders, and the antics of "loyalists" such as burning RUC families out of their homes, have not helped the Unionist people over the two years since the Agreement was signed.

The virtual withdrawal of Unionist politicians, including Mr Taylor, from the democratic process over this period is, to say the least, unhelpful. The vast majority of people in these islands desire peace, stability and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

I would urge Mr Taylor and his Unionist colleagues at Westminster to adopt a spirit of helpful realism and, in the best interest of the Unionist people whom they are elected to represent, to play a positive role in Parliament and in Northern Ireland.

Their colleagues at Westminster and the British people as a whole wish them to play their important part in the steady progress being made by the two governments.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH DYKES,
House of Commons,
October 15.

Strategy of the left

From Lord Chelwood

Sir, Mr David Latner (October 12) was surely right to underline your editorial view about the Labour Party's ignorance of military strategy and to remind us of the real danger posed by the far left's objectives.

Almost equally worrying is the double-talk about the party's domestic philosophy. Mr Bryan Gould, perhaps their most articulate spokesman, emphasized in Brighton (report, October 1) the party's continued commitment to "public ownership in some form".

Why not "use shares as just one instrument to hand real power to working people?" he asked. He then claimed that this had been shown to work by many socialist countries throughout the world.

If he really meant socialist, and not social democratic, then I can't for the life of me think of one. Could Mr Gould name two or three such countries as examples?

Yours sincerely,
CHELWOOD,
Flowers Meadow,
Blackboys,
Uckfield, East Sussex,
October 19.

Selecting Tory party chairman

From Mr Rodney Gent

Sir, I suspect I am not the only Conservative who feels that the semi-public wrangle over the next party chairman clouded the celebration of the election victory at the conference. I write as one, amongst many, who went through a lot during the campaign for the party (in my case, two pairs of shoes, half a stone and several sunbaths).

The last element of the case put forward in the past for retaining the appointment rather than election of the party chairman, that of a close working relationship between chairman and prime minister, appears to have been eroded by the corrosive effect of "informed sources". This only months after Mr Tebbit stepped down from the Cabinet, which removed the other argument, that the chairman needs to attend Cabinet meetings.

To old hands, this hiatus is reminiscent of the activity at the 1963 conference, when the leadership was fought out. This resulted in the party, very sensibly, deciding to reform itself by giving MPs a direct vote. To resolve the current embarrassing situation, may I suggest that in two years' time the chairman of constituency associations are enfranchised and elect a party chairman directly for a two-year period of office. They, after all, can be said to represent the people who raise the money to keep the party organization going.

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The tax advantages to be found in the Channel Islands no longer needed to be publicised to the same extent after the upsurge of tourism to the islands in the two decades after the Second World War.

GUERNSEY AS A HOME.

INCOME-TAX AT 6D. IN THE POUND.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
St. Peter Port, Oct. 19.

Since the day when, as part of the ancient Domesday of Normandy, the Channel Islands consented to the grant of Home Rule to Great Britain, the English connection has always been one of the proudest possessions of Guernsey. That connection, re-centred in the Great War by the blood of many of Guernsey's staunchest [sic] sons, is probably more greatly cherished now than at any other time in its history, and the island is making a determined effort to attract more English families to itself. So far as summer visitors are concerned Guernsey gets all it can accommodate, and it is as a winter residence or a permanent home that it is now making its appeal.

During the last few days the Guernsey Chamber of Commerce has been showing off its island to a party of British journalists. Some extravagant claims have been put forward, but the more they are examined the less extravagant they seem. Guernsey is in the happy position of having killed off "Dilly and Dally" before they were born, and with the bulk of the local work carried on on a voluntary basis, there is no room for a large, highly paid staff of State officials to pile up expenditure. The income-tax is only sixpence in the pound, and, but for Guernsey's share in the war, there would probably be no income-tax at all. How to live on nothing a year is a question which many people have sought to answer in vain. It presents no difficulty to Mr. C. W. Howitt, the energetic hon. secretary of the Guernsey Chamber of Commerce. "It's so simple," he tells us. "Change your investments and live in Guernsey on the money you would have paid in England in income-tax."

Granted the initial investments, the idea is attractive in the brilliant sunshine we are enjoying, which we are assured is the normal condition here — Guernsey with an average sunshine of 54 hours daily for the last twenty-eight years claims the highest average in Northern Europe. The bright red roofs of the houses rising tier upon tier on the wooded hillside of St. Peter Port are picturesque in the extreme.

THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

The Channel Islands are conservative, but in some directions they have set an example which others might follow. Here is the first electric tramway with overhead equipment, while the telephone service is excellent by few places in the United States or Scandinavia. Though labouring under the initial disadvantages that our Postmaster-General had had nothing to do with it beyond issuing a licence to the States of Guernsey for its construction in 1898, and receiving a royalty of 10 per cent. of the gross revenue, the local management has heroically surmounted that obstacle, and there are now 2,955 telephones in operation.



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THE ARTS

'She never lost patience; she permitted herself few tears'

Even as a child, Jacqueline du Pré, who died this week, was an outstandingly gifted cellist. Brian James talks to the teacher who first developed her talent

The man Jacqueline du Pré had called her "cello daddy" spoke yesterday of the gifted child he had helped develop into one of Britain's greatest post-war musicians, and of the courage of the stricken woman she became.

William Pleeth, now aged 71, was a leading teacher giving master classes to some of the country's most promising cellists when the 10-year-old came to his attention. Like the Russian maestro Mstislav Rostropovich, who a decade later was to invite her to Russia, there to improve her playing, Pleeth was instantly captivated by her passionate involvement with her instrument.

He remained a friend and confident during Miss du Pré's concert career, and through the years that followed the onset of the crippling disease which, on Monday, brought her death. He suggests that an assessment of his protégée's talent is limited only by our own imaginations.

"To ask what more she might have done is sad and pointless, it is like asking how much more a young Schubert might have composed had he lived another five

years. There was no end, no end to a talent like this. We must be content simply never to know."

Something of the depth of her talent, though, was sensed by Pleeth when he first met Miss du Pré. Her mother had telephoned, clearly nervous, would he please listen to her child? Any doubts about his commitment did not remain with William Pleeth for more than three minutes.

"There was all the innocence of the child," he remembers. "The unprepossessing shyness before a new adult. But I knew, by a marriage of my experience and instinct, that hidden beneath was a great potential. The technique, the emotion, the passionate love of making music was all there, displayed already in a simple way. I agreed we should be master and pupil — and we would start together immediately."

For once a week, and then twice as frequently after the child had won a competition, they met at Pleeth's home in North London. Her development as a cellist proceeded at a rate which astonished him. "She was given this marvel-



Jacqueline du Pré: "I don't think the idea of 'making a name' ever occurred to her"

lous memory. The only parallel case, I suspect, would be the young Menuhin. It was almost an extra gift. It helped the speed of her development. It helped us over the inevitable few problems."

Problems? "Of course. She was a child. There would be days when she wanted her mummy. Would be fearful over what was asked of her. They were few. The major problem was that of technique.

You know, of course, that Jacqueline had a freak hand? The left. The index and first fingers were of the same length. This meant she could not finger absolutely conventionally. So when people ask me what system I used in her teaching, I answer: what system could you employ? Her talent and achievements testify to the pointlessness of systems."

Jacqueline du Pré was Pleeth's pupil

until her concert debut at Wigmore Hall, the date chosen by him. "Even at 15 she had been ready for a very long time. But she was not a talent to be rushed. There was no need. I had other young musicians, nowhere near so gifted, who wanted to rush to the public stage — wanted the fame, the applause. I don't think the idea of 'making a name' ever occurred to her. She wanted only to make music."

"But she was delighted to make that debut. To play every concert. Because it was there on a public stage that all the pieces of the combination came together: her skill and technique, the beautiful instrument, the inspiration of the composer, and then this unique rapport with an audience. Her love for what she was doing absolutely flowed off the stage. And it was this, rather than the rather bombastic and unhealthy pursuit of fame, that was her great incentive."

The relationship between pupil and master lasted long beyond the period when, after some months in Paris and Russia, she returned to his classroom until the start of a concert career. "Jacqueline was not the sort of person one dealt with, then forget. We kept in very close touch socially. Even in adult life she still had occasional need of me."

"Although she played some pieces with overwhelming confidence, those in which the sentiment appealed to her, there were other parts of the repertoire

where the same instinctive command was not there. I recall once visiting her in an interval. The poor darling was almost shaking. She said, 'Please stay with me until I am called on. I am nervous. I do not like this piece. I have no mastery of it.' Then she played the piece — Beethoven's, as I recall — quite superbly, and won an ovation."

"But that was merely craftsmanship. The other was something far greater than that. At her best she was phenomenal. There is a tape, Shostakovich, made at one of her recordings, which will be a classic for all time."

William Pleeth's relationship continued after Miss du Pré fell ill. "I think she felt it was a very great comfort when people she loved continued to call. Her face would light up, rather as it would when one had praised her as a child. But I am not certain that even then she did not give more than she received. Her sense of humour through this awful time was quite staggering. She permitted herself very few tears."

Pleeth, who was with his gifted pupil when she died, added that Miss du Pré had been barely able to communicate at all for the last months of her life. "One had to ask her to repeat again and again what she was saying. It was a hideous thing, but she never lost her patience. Again, her courage sustained those around, rather than the other way about."

Gaining anxiety

Brass Tacks (BBC2) weighed in with a standard whistle-blast against a legally available drug, Norazepam, which allegedly has four times as many citizens in its addictive grip as does heroin. Prescribed by the million, this spiky little tranquillizer offers initial euphoria rapidly followed by helplessness, dependence, and its withdrawal symptoms sound peculiarly hellish.

As usual, much of the litany of complaint from addicts smacked of the "one puff and I was hooked" syndrome so beloved of tabloid headlines. One has to be especially dense

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not to realize when medication is having a deleterious effect, and to blame any substance this side of lethal poison for ruining one's life is to evade the question of individual responsibility. Drug addiction of any kind is the objective correlative of emotional insecurity, and it should not really come as a surprise when the net result of artificial tranquillity turns out to be genuine anxiety.

No such balms were available to Giovanni Belzoni on his fraught trips up and down the Nile, laden with pilfered ancient monuments. Sunburn, dysentery, pistol-toting rivals... being a grave-robbing in the early 19th century was no Cook's tour. The first leg of *Footsteps* (also BBC2) — a new series on the heroic age of archaeology — attempted to rehabilitate Belzoni's reputation as an inspired detective rather than an untutored vandal. The presenter, David Drew, spent too much time conveying the atmosphere of modern Egypt at the expense of biography — it was fairly late in the day, for instance, that we learnt that his subject was a recycled circus strongman — and the device of having Belzoni's journal read out by a British actor with a fake Italian accent was, to say the least, unfortunate.

Pick of the evening was Granada's repeat of *Ten Days That Shook the World* (ITV). This account of the events that led up to the October Revolution of 1917 is an exemplary exercise in the field of historical documentary: copiously illustrated, unpatronizing and graced by the voice of Orson Welles at his Havana-cured best. They are not mere voice-overs like that any more.

Martin Cropper

FOR THE MAN WHO'S LONELY AT THE TOP



One of the side-effects of a demanding career is that it leaves so little time to find someone special to share life with — permanently. Working in a male-dominated world, you may have found that women who meet your high standards are beautiful, intelligent women with a sense of humour — are few and far between. And then they start looking in bars or on singles holidays is hardly suitable — even if you've got the energy.

But I've interviewed hundreds of these women. Attractive and capable, carefully screened by the organization, they are as selective as you (and quite possibly as hard-working) — so it's no wonder you've never met before! This is not a dating service and the women you will be introduced to believe, as you do, in the positive benefits of a successful marriage. They understand that no matter how high up the career ladder you climb, there is no need to be lonely. By the way, I don't believe that video tapes or computers should be relied on to match human hearts and minds — this is a unique and personal service which has worked for thousands of couples around the world.

If you are successful, single and looking for a special woman to share your life with, then call me. And prepare to be surprised by the calibre of women I can introduce to you. Little you, they are only prepared to settle for the best.

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A Man for All Seasons

Modestly categorized by its author as "bastardized Brecht" when it first appeared a quarter of a century ago, Robert Bolt's tribute to Thomas More has gone on to a vastly successful life on the English stage, and enriched the language with a phrase treasured by headline-writers, while its model, Brecht's *Galileo*, remains as little performed as ever.

The first production, in 1960, was the occasion for a cogently argued dispute between Bolt and Kenneth Tynan, who drew the crucial distinction between the two plays namely that where the audience were appraised of Galileo's heretical theories, and of their truth, the whole of More's case lay on his rights to remain silent about his belief. "What matters to me," he declared, "is not whether it's true or not but whether I believe it to be true."

What struck Tynan as a weakness in the play supplies a clue to its popularity with English spectators. It is a plea for our rights to privacy and non-involvement. And the fact that its hero was one of the highest politicians in the land, presented by Bolt with scrupulous regard for historical accuracy and in language seamlessly indistinguishable from More's own quoted statements, gives authoritative weight to every suburban householder who likes to keep himself to himself, not to mention journalists under pressure to reveal their sources, or defendants threatened with the withdrawal of the non-incrimination statute.

Rossini provided Claudio Abbado with some of his earliest operatic successes. At the beginning of the Seventies he forged at La Scala with Jean-Pierre Ponnelle a cycle of Rossini comedies notable for their exuberance, their musicality and above all their teamwork. Berganza, Alva or Benelli, Montarsolo and Dara moved from one to the other like a well-drilled repertory company.

So now in Vienna it seems



The pain of losing: Charles Heston (right) as Sir Thomas More with Benjamin Whitrow as a superb Thomas Cromwell

What everyone has overlooked, including Tynan, is that More is a rotten part. Bolt's line on him is that More never saw himself as a martyr, that he enjoyed all the sensual pleasures, and that he went to the block only when required to surrender his innermost selfhood. As written, however, what we get

is the saint: a man who, apart from a few roguish references to food and drink, comes over as a bloodless ideal of stoic magnanimity who thoroughly deserves his wife's wrath when, with his execution approaching, he bangs on about the superlative quality of his castards.

As for his defiance of the

King, More's tactic is to plead the Tudor equivalent of the Fifth Amendment, with the result that he plays his legalistic hand so close to the chest that for much of the way he is left simply parroting his interrogators' questions with whatever ironic emphasis the performer can extract from them. The spotlight is trained

on him throughout; but all it reveals is a surface of passive virtue which could well conceal a practised hypocrite.

In Frank Hauser's production (reviewed by Harry Eyres at Chichester last July), the role of More has been taken over by Charles Heston, as yet another famous trial to top his *Caine Mutiny Court Mar-*

shal. Apart from some vocal monotony, it is an extremely good performance. Physique, as always, gives this actor a tremendous advantage for roles of this genre. With that commanding presence, and the features of an aged eagle, he can embody moral vigour without having to give demonstrations. More differs from the surrounding characters in that he alone wants nothing. Heston's achievement is that, with small help from the text, he does convey the pain of losing what he has got, and, more difficult, contemplates the surrounding ambitions, venalities and treacheries without once lapsing into self-admiration or sanctimonious forgiveness. To the end, he remains non-martyr material. Within the severe limits of the role, I do not see how it could be better animated.

Bolt has surrounded him with some extremely lively friends and enemies, chief among them the hit-man Cromwell, who gets a superlative performance from Benjamin Whitrow — a slight, clerical figure with ultra-geometric vowels, capable of appallingly unexpected viciousness, and altogether a character who would have been at home round a table with Robespierre.

Gwen Watford, renouncing her long-suffering tendencies, plays More's wife on a note of sizzling grievance turning at the end to black, desperate anger — which also amounts to a declaration of love. The role of the Common Man still causes the gorge to rise, but Roy Kinnear scores at least one successful transformation, donning gold-rimmed spectacles as the Common Historian. Julia Trevelyan Oman's balustraded set doubles effectively as prison and mansion, though less so as the tank of the Thames.

Irving Wardle

bold colour and sometimes rigid rhythm.

Jean-Philippe Collard was also unexpectedly stiff-jointed in some of the more poetic passages of the G major Piano Concerto. But his enjoyment of the scintillating keyboard writing in general communicated itself through fluency of technique and perceptive phrasing. The orchestral strings were reduced in numbers for this, interestingly in some sections by advancing second desk players to the front.

Of course they were back at full strength for *Bolero*, my neighbour attesting the truth of Ravel's comment that it is "vide de musique" by falling asleep before the tune went round more than a few times, and waking only with the sudden key-change near the end releases tension into near-hysteria.

Noël Goodwin

CONCERT

Orchestre National de Lyon/Baudo Barbican

Travellers know Lyon as an excellent centre of gastronomy. However, in spite of the local delicacy of nougat distributed to the audience at the concert interval on Monday, it was the National Orchestra of Lyon that arrived as visitors in association with a trade delegation from the Rhône-Alpes region.

Formed 18 years ago as part of the Maastricht reforms of the French musical scene, it is an ensemble of a judicious blend between youth and experience. Its music director until this season, Serge Baudo, conducted this British debut of the orchestra in an all-Ravel programme, one more commemoration of the composer's death 50 years ago.

That they should choose to play four works in which Ravel's insistent for the Spanish musical idiom was in places stronger than anything French was perhaps a means of letting instrumental sections speak for themselves. Certainly, as strangers to this hall, it was difficult for them to conjure up the nebulous haze of tone with which both the *Rapsodie espagnole* and *La Valse* should begin, and at the other extreme the almost organic climax worked up in the latter sounded unduly congested. Nevertheless, an alert response and some idiosyncratic wind-playing characterized performances of



Frank Lopardo: mellifluous

Abbado and Ponnelle together, without losing its moments of zany, inspired invention, are gradually nudging *L'Italiana* in the direction of *Enfance*, an opera with which it has much in common. Johnny Turk is as glib as they come, even when he is commanding Algers, but at heart he is not a bad fellow.

Ponnelle the designer has provided Ponnelle the director with a number of glowing and highly mobile sets. The Bey's palace is rich in pink and white brick. Turrets and minarets glint in the distance. Palms bend obscuroly by the shore. It is the stuff fairy-tale comedies are made of.

The linchpin of the performance I caught was Kuggero Raimondi's Mustafa, whom Ponnelle has covered with so much body hair that he looks more like a bear than a Bey as he steps out of his very Turkish bath while a bathing companion makes her rapid

exit. Raimondi, with his voice skipping round Rossini's patter songs as easily as ever, and game to tuck into a massive spaghetti bolognese as part of the indoctrination to the Order of Pappapacci, puts on the kind of comic performance for Abbado that he did in *Viaggio a Reims* — one of a very high order indeed. Enzo Dara, the one survivor of the Scala cast, is indelible as the mooping Taddesio, who looks as though he could be set for the Baden-Powell brigade in his safari suit.

The least familiar name on the scheduled cast was that of Frank Lopardo, the latest in the lengthening line of American Rossini tenors and one of the most mellifluous. The voice is not large, as Glyndebourne heard from his Ferrando this summer, but it is excellently supported and succulently sweet. I suspect it will sound especially attractive on record.

Abbado was in top form in the pit, especially in the Act I finale, the first of Rossini's great confusion ensembles, and in the Pappapacci sequence where Ponnelle — or was it Rossini, or perhaps both? — draws parallels with masonic initiation rites. It is generally reckoned that to put on a successful *Italiana* you need a spirited mezzo, a high tenor and a seasoned buffo; it could be added that the real requirements are a top class horn, oboe and trumpet. Vienna provided them all and the orchestra sounded as though it had been playing Rossini all its life instead of just very occasionally.

John Higgins

OPERA

L'Italiana in Algeri

Vienna State

sensible for Abbado to turn back to his old partner to help give the State Opera its first taste of *L'Italiana in Algeri*, even if the team has now dispersed. Ponnelle obliges by turning *L'Italiana*, generally reckoned to be the comic opera which brought Rossini to maturity at the grand old age of 21, into a sparkling success.

Fortunately that triumph will not be confined to Vienna. DG have been recording it over the past few days at the Konzerthaus, Covent Garden take over the production in January, although not alone with Abbado, who still insists on restricting his opera appearances to the Vienna State. Unlucky take it into the studios some time next year for a film in conjunction with the DG set.

Ponnelle rouses several of the elements from his 1972-73 Scala staging for this new *Italiana*. The curtain rises on the same group of pot-bellied eunuchs — tenors to a man, a typical Rossinian joke — engaged in their needlework. A toy ship, carrying Isabella, the Italian girl, and her doing Taddesio, is drawn across the back of the stage to be sunk by a mighty cannon from the Barbary shore. But the overall approach is now gentler and the vulgar elements are tempered with genuine emotion.

Perfect timing

ROCK

Bryan Adams

Wembley Arena

Prior to his appearance at the Prince's Trust charity concert in June, Bryan Adams last played Wembley Arena in March 1985, as the "special guest" of Tina Turner. But billboard euphemisms failed to soften the harsh reality of being stuck on stage as an opening distraction, while a largely unconcerned audience shuffled around looking for their seats.

Since then *Rockers*, and its follow-up *Into the Fire*, have sold more than 10 million copies between them, and on Monday Adams played the first of four nights in his own right, to a house packed with people who you would have been forgiven for thinking were all lifelong supporters of the skinny blond Canadian.

The pace and authority of his opening sally eliminated any waverers: "Only the Strong Survive", "The Only One", "It's Only Love", "Cuts Like a Knife" and "Kids Wanna Rock" were dispatched with perfect timing and immense class, establishing a pattern of controlled forcefulness and rugged attention to melodic detail.

Adams's unnamed four-piece band played with as little musical clutter as the sparse set-up would suggest, and the simplicity of the staging, together with the jeans-and-shirt look, harked back to the precepts of rock-group performance that obtained in the mid-1960s, even if the result was very much born of modern professional know-how.

Certainly Adams has achieved his colossal success by running with both the sing-along bars and the heavy-rock bones, and the stringency of the quality-control he imposes on his work, both as a performer and songwriter, may knock out an element of spontaneity.

But a performance of this stirring intensity confirmed his status as one stadium act who is not guilty, as sometimes charged, of the bland "adult-orientated rock" syndrome. Adults, kids and stewards roared approval as the band powered through to a climax of "Long Gone" and the glorious "Summer of '69".

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Shirley finds her spirit level

Shirley MacLaine, the actress, has become a spiritual leader. Should we take her seriously? Catherine Bennett investigates

For once in its select South Kensington life, Thorne Square is looking respectable. The gales have left it like everywhere else in the South of England: strewn with broken bits of houses, trees, cars, and squashed cars. Surveying the damage from a large drawing-room window, Shirley MacLaine remarked that the storm had really passed her by. She had slept right through it, lulled into unconsciousness by her treasured "sound machine", which reproduces the more comforting melodies of rain, surf and waterfalls. MacLaine is in London to play the title role in *Madame Sousatzka*, a film directed by John Schlesinger, and the machine has come too, for a purpose revealed in the fifth and latest volume in her spiritual odyssey. "It's called creating my own reality."

For most of her career, MacLaine was better known for playing Hollywood roles as endearing postures, or red-haired girls with long legs and vulnerable grins; and for two books about her personal life and foreign travel. It was not until her late forties that her encounters with assorted mediums and mystics led her to a medley of theories about fate, reincarnation and spirituality which have grown in complexity and confidence in each of three subsequent books. They now appear to boil down to this: we all have a higher self, which is part of "the source being, that which creates everything" (popularly known as God). That higher self not only chooses each lifetime incarnation according to the laws of karma — "what you put out you get back" — but creates its own reality in everything around it, from a cold in the nose, to a fatal car accident, to the Gulf War, and to last week's sales, which played so small a part in MacLaine's current incarnation.

So did her neighbour really choose to have his Porsche crushed by a tree? "Oh yeah," said MacLaine, "on the spiritual level we are all creating everything." Deftly made up, and dressed in a tight black miniskirt and high heels which set off her celebrated legs, she seemed externally quite unchanged from her old Hollywood self. Only the generous quantity of meaningful purple stones and crystal dangling from her neck and ears (for "amplifying thought waves") hinted at her new "alignment" to a higher self.

Her new book, *It's All in the Playing*, which describes the filming of a previous book and attendant personal revelations, makes it quite plain why to help others is actually to interfere with their karma: the poor, for example, have chosen an incarnation with no money. Is it not strange, you ask her, that such a large number of black South Africans are currently exploring this option? "We've all been black," we've all been white," said MacLaine, who campaigned for black civil rights in the days before she realized that this kind of effort was "Yang energy, emanating the

very power structure that I found fault with."

Her native philosophy, backed by a sharp native intelligence, now gives her an answer to everything. Why would a spirit choose to be a Jew, slaughtered in the Holocaust? "What they really did was serve as examples of what should never have happened," said MacLaine, seizing this opportunity for an abrupt change in terminology. "Don't call them spirits, call them souls, souls — spirits sound ooga-booga, occult."

In MacLaine's reality, the language buckles, meanings bend — and even then no words are adequate to express concepts such as the spiritual "new age", of which her writings form a part. "Er, I think everyone involved in the new age has a different approach to defining it — and you know it's sweeping America." In Hollywood she has become a sort of local vicar, always on call to former unbelievers after a personal tragedy reminds them that death is a scary thing. MacLaine tells them that we never die. Recently she has taken her message still further, with touring weekend "seminars" in which members of the audience pay \$300 for an introduction to their higher selves, and a lesson in aligning their chakras — "the seven esoteric energy centres".

On Sunday morning MacLaine had just finished singing and visualizing her chakras into shape, and all the amulet had clearly given her an appetite. Her assistant, Simo, who was with her in some previous Peruvian incarnation, came in with platefuls of chopped mango, some brown stuff on brown toast and a pater, beige mush, which she ate steadily. "Feminine energy is the energy of the new age," said MacLaine through a mouthful of mush. "The feminine way of think-



A higher self Shirley MacLaine, busy getting her chakras into shape. She is more capable of holding contradictory concepts simultaneously.

On that level, it is easy to accept MacLaine's best spirits, Tom, Lazarus and John, with their advice on film scripts and tofu diets, their readiness to play themselves in the film of *Out On a Limb*, and their ability, even, to communicate by telephone, with such tips as "you have a hidden agenda of fear of public judgement on a mass consciousness level". It becomes obvious that questions of fraud do not arise, for as MacLaine says, "in the last analysis you are creating it all anyway, so what difference does it make?"

But it is hard to understand why the spirits do not tell MacLaine about their incarnations in Atlantis or Elizabethan England. "Oh, that's what most of it's about," MacLaine said. "About political events and history, and what Genghis Khan was like — but who'd be interested in reading that? The book's about me."

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Adrift on the radio waves

Michael Parkinson is leaving "the best show on radio", but Alice Thomas Ellis finds the desert island unappealing

Listening to *Start the Week* with Russell Harty recently I heard several eminent people giving it as their opinion that *Desert Island Discs* was the best programme on radio. Personally I could never stand *Desert Island Discs*. For me it ranks somewhere between *Gardeners' Question Time* and *Sport on Four*, and whenever I hear the strains of the theme tune, enhanced by the cries of the BBC gulls, I leap to switch over to Radio 2. I'm in a minority since I read in the paper that two million listeners regularly tune in. I can't imagine why, since there is plenty of music on the airwaves and no shortage of people talking.

Why do these faithful listeners find the combination so irresistible? I conclude it must have something to do with the romance inherent in the idea of being a castaway. Tidying up the remains of breakfast in his terrace house or sitting comfortably in his living room, the faithful listener perhaps fantasizes about swaying palms, the skilful spearing of tropical fish and exotic fruits dropping gently from conveniently placed trees.

I don't think it would be like that. I think all the pleasant islands have people living on them already and the solitary survivor of a wreck would find himself on an inhospitable atoll with nothing but a few cast and some of the less attractive and nutritious forms of wild life — lizards, for instance.

Richard Falconer — the account of whose tribulations was a great favourite with Sir Walter Scott — found himself, when his ship sank, among four or five "very low sandy islands. To my great grief I found nothing but a few eggs, which I was obliged to eat raw." He had a perfectly lousy time but at least he was spared Roy Plomley.

Desert Island Discs was instituted in 1941 when nearly everyone was much more polite than they are today and Roy Plomley (God rest his soul), unlike most of us, stayed polite. Inevitably, now that we are accustomed to a more abrasive type of interviewer, this made him sound — to put it at its mildest — ingratiating. "Roy Plomley" he was called.

Now I read that his successor, Michael Parkinson, is to vacate his chair. Mrs Plomley is reported as saying: "Under him, the programme had no atmosphere. It lost its magic." She goes on to re-

mark that "the guests were much more limited... they all seemed to be footballers and cricketers. They tended to be from poor backgrounds and they all harped on about it. There were very few who could be called intellectual." Well, we can't all arrange to be shipwrecked with the Admirable Crichton, and many an idiot must have been cast up as well as the occasional egghead.

It has been suggested that possibly a woman might host (hostess) the programme. In 1941 this would have been highly unlikely and it is only recently that people have stopped saying things like: "A woman news announcer would not sound credible and could not be taken seriously." Besides I suspect that many men when they dream of this desert island are contemplating the possibility of escaping from their wives and getting back to their Boy Scout days. No sensible woman harbours this desire. I think a man will be more suitable.

Mrs Plomley, it is said, would like to have John Mortimer to present the programme. He is certainly one of our more urbane broadcasters, but then I don't imagine Parkinson ever swore at anyone although "some listeners have complained to the BBC about his style". These fastidious listeners are surely the very

For my luxury I should choose a radio with an automatic cut-off switch for *Desert Island Discs*

ones who would most resent the conditions suffered by the unfortunate Richard Falconer, whose skin came off like the "peel of a broiled codlin" and who desisted from suicide "from the expectation I had that some alligator or other voracious creature would come and do it for me."

Nevertheless I have always thought that while it would be vile to be alone in a tiny wilderness, it would be nearly as uncomfortable to be cast away in the *Desert Island Discs* studio with somebody whithering on about which luxury you would prefer to have with you. I should choose a radio with an automatic cut-off switch for *DID*. In the meantime may I suggest to the next presenter, whoever he may be, that he invites my friend the cameraman Remi Adefarasin on to the programme. His life-long dream is to pick "A sleepy lagoon, a tropical moon..." as his first choice. It would serve everybody right.

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From Russia to Shepherd's Bush with love

How has a BBC man's highly romantic Soviet union fared in the West?

The story so far: on his last night in the Soviet Union, a dashing English film-maker falls madly in love with a glamorous Moscow Arts Theatre actress. Back in London he learns Russian in a month and returns to Moscow where he woos the actress, marries her and carries her off to live in the West.

In Shepherd's Bush, to be precise, where, a year later, the train driver's daughter from Tashkent sits barefoot in blue jeans and sums up the East/West divide: "In Soviet Union when you want to see friends you go bang on their door — if it's two in the morning you still bang on their door. Here, in London, you send polite note through mail, please come to dine — three weeks next Thursday."

It is almost two years since Richard Denton started his BBC bosses by announcing his marriage, in Moscow, to a Soviet citizen, Valentina Yakubina. "I was making a major documentary series on the Soviet Union, *Comrades*," he says. "Getting married to a Soviet citizen could have turned out to be a pub-

lic relations nightmare." Valentina fared better. "My director asked me one question — this captain of yours, is he a good man? When I said yes, he smiled and said, 'You see, they've got them too! And he gave us his blessing.'"

Valentina has spent the past year learning English and coming to terms with culture shock. After a period of initial euphoria, confusion set in. "There is so much to like, so much to enjoy — food and furniture, the wonderful parks and so many kind friends. Then I am worried. These English, I think, take nothing seriously — they joke about everything. Then one day it dawns — this is your freedom. I think it's more difficult to live in the West. With such freedom goes such responsibility. In the Soviet Union the state



Valentina Yakubina: "Life is more difficult in the West"

takes care of you, from cradle to the grave. A welcome break from English lessons came this summer, when the Moscow Arts Theatre invited Val-

entina to join it for a series of master classes in Oxford. Richard filmed the classes for a special edition of *Bookmark*. Tonight viewers will see Valentina play Sonia, in excerpts from *Uncle Vanya* (BBC2, 8.10pm). Her biggest surprise was the students' reaction to Chekhov.

"How they loved it! Yet here in England you have the most beautiful poetry and nobody reads it. I have a young friend in Moscow, who tells me he wants to come live in the West. I ask him how he could earn his living and he stares at me, amazed. Why, he says, the same way I do in Soviet Union, I work as a poet. How do I tell him? In England he'd starve."

With the Moscow Arts behind her, Valentina is set on an English acting career. "It took her a while to grasp

the concept of an actor's agent," Richard remembers. "Such a thing is unknown in Russia. On the night before her interview with one of the best agents in town I found her preparing a list of questions for him — which dramatic institute had he graduated from, with what degree, and which particular fields of drama did he specialize in? I had to gently explain that it might be best to let him ask the questions. She took the advice and is now on his books."

Valentina is ready to play any part, "except a Russian spy". Probably her most unpleasant experience of life in the West is its attitude to her country, on film and television. "This hurts — always the Russian is villain. Always the KGB. It is sad you should think of us so. We are both, East and West, fed our own propaganda; this is a fact. I think maybe the West believes theirs. And here is the difference. In Russia we have learned to take ours with a good pinch of salt."

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Women's business & BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

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ene, according to expert Carolyn Warrender. On view at Warrender's newly-opened shop (91-93 Lower Sloane Street, London SW1, 01-730 0728), where 300 designs of stencil, plus appropriate specialist paints, can be found, is what she calls her neo-colonial or American pilgrim look. Strong geometric and paisley designs in richer colours and shapes blend beautifully with brocade curtains, Persian rugs, faded quilts and bleached woods such as oak — "rather than the perennial striped pine". It is still, Warrender maintains, the quickest, cheapest and easiest way to transform a room. "Even the fumble-fingered can learn in five minutes and do a room in a day," she insists. Or — as in the case of her strangest commission to date — do a motorcycle.

Woolly rabbit

Those traditionalists whose copy hearts sank at the sight of Ladybird Books' new Peter Rabbit adventures, animated Eighties-style, have an ally in Pat Mechini, the brains behind *The Beatrix Potter Knitting Book* (F. Warne, £11.95). Fifty handknits for all the family based on the original drawings — Tom Kitten's sweater, Peter Rabbit's blue cardigan, and so on — have been painstakingly and faithfully created by Mechini, a freelance knitwear designer, who reluctantly confesses that she is "horrid" by the new look Peter, "but not as much as my children, who even wrote a letter to the publishers saying how awful they found him". She admits, however: "I never dared post it. They're my publishers, too."

Josephine Fairley

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7.00 *Breakfast News* 7.00, 7.10, 8.00 and 8.30 regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15 weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 *Open Air* Bob Wellings awaits viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To participate ring 081-814 0424. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 *News* and weather followed by *Neighbours* (r). 9.30 *Kilroy* Robert Kilroy-Gibbs chairs a discussion on a topical matter.
10.00 *News* and weather followed by *Going for Gold* (r). 10.25 *Children's BBC* Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by *10.55* *Five to Eleven* A thought for the day from Paul Alexander.
11.00 *News* and weather.
11.05 *Open Air* Bob Wellings and *Pablo Colwell* introduce programme makers to their critics.
12.00 *News* and weather.
12.05 *Daytime Live* The first of a new magazine series presented by *Pauline Armstrong*, *Alan Titchmarsh*, *Rose Davidson* and *Judi Spiers*. Today's guests include *David Bellamy* and *with music, Rosser and Davies* 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with *Michael Buerk*. Weather 1.30 *Neighbours*. *Eileen* wastes little time in taking advantage of *Shane* and *Caprice's* confessions. 1.40 *Going for Gold*. European general knowledge quiz presented by *Henry Kelly*.
2.15 *Wages and the Lady* (1977) starring *Tony Lo Bianco* and *Sally Kellerman*. A man for television adventure about the owner of a repossessed boat who subduces his creditor's daughter and sets off with her across the Australian bush in pursuit of her father. Directed by *Gene Levitt*.

BBC2

- 8.00** *Coastal* 8.45 *Daytime on Two* leisure time in Spain 10.00 *Two for the young* 10.15 *Fabrics* 10.30 *Nuts and berries* 11.00 *Maths* and pictures 11.15 *Maths investigations* 11.40 *A sixth sense* 12.05 *Working with the elderly* and handicapped 12.25 *Leaving home* to live in a bed-sit 12.50 *Making home videos* 1.40 *For the young* 1.50 *Part two of a Viking drama* 2.00 *News* and weather 2.05 *Storyline*.
2.15 *International Snooker*. The *Rothmans Grand Prix*. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.50.
5.00 *Motorfair '87*. Mike Smith and *Janet Ellis* at the 1987 London Motorshow at Earl's Court.
5.30 *Advice Shop*. The first of three programmes examining ways of getting a better home on a low income.
6.00 *Pure Hell* of *St Trinian's* (1950, b/w) starring *Colin Parker*, *George Cole* and *Joyce Grenfield*. The fourth film end up in the dock at the Old Bailey and are sent down. Now the authorities

- can relax — or can they? Directed by *Frank Launder*.
7.30 *Cartoon Two*. *Abacadabra* (r). The *Wickies* *Kitchen Garden*. Part six of the 13-part series following the rebuilding of a walled garden. (Coastal).
8.10 *Bookmarked* A visit from *Vanya*. A film recording a series of masterclasses given by *Moscow Arts Theatre Director Oleg Yefremov* to the *British-American Drama Academy* in London and the *Royal Shakespeare Company* in Stratford.
9.00 *The Shariels*. Episode one of a two-part adaptation of *D'Arcy* *Willard's* Australian novel about a strong-willed man who, after finding his shrewish wife in bed with another man, leaves her taking their six-year-old daughter with him. The story follows their progress as they walk from town to town looking for work. Starring *Bryan Brown* and *Rebecca Smart* and directed by *George Ogilvie*.
10.30 *A Party* *Kristoffer Tabori* on behalf of the *Conservative Party*.
10.40 *Newsnight* 11.25 *Weather*.

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- 6.00** *TV-am* introduced by *Key* *Barley* and *Richard Keys*. News at 6.00 and 6.30; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 6.55.
7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by *Anne Diamond* and *Mike Morris*. Includes news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.45; sport at 7.40; and pop music at 7.45. After Nine includes a recipe from chef *Patrick Anthony*.
8.35 *James* news headlines.
9.30 *Rumour*. The quiz presented by *Chris Smith* 10.00 *Santa Barbara*. American soap 10.25 *News* headlines 10.30 *The Times*. . . The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 *Albion*. For the young (r).
11.25 *Thames* news headlines 11.30 *Getting On*. Captain *Lawrence Porter*, recently retired master of the ship *Albion* and his wife talk about a life at sea and their retirement plans 12.00 *The Sullivan*. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 *Thames* news headlines 1.00 *A Country Practice*. Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian township 2.00 *Madeline*. Victorian film set in China. 2.30 *Procs* on the Box. Fashion series presented by *Marie Helvin*, *Muriel Gray* and *Harry Enfield*. The week's programme includes a glimpse of *Pauline* *Ade's* wardrobe 3.00 *Take the High Road*. Drama in the Scottish Highlands 3.25 *Thames* news headlines 3.30 *News* and *Daughters*. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 *The Pondies* 4.10 *The Adventures of Tintin* 4.20 *The Adventures of Tintin* 4.30 *Stop That Laughing at the Back*.
5.15 *Blockbusters*. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.

CHANNEL 4

- 9.30** *Schools*.
12.00 *Business Daily*. Business and financial news service.
12.30 *Just 4 Fun*. (Oracle).
1.00 *Women: The Way Ahead*. For women who are returning to study or full-time employment after a period of absence. (Oracle).
1.30 *Reaching Agreement*. Skills needed in successful communication. (Oracle).
2.00 *Their Lordships' House* (r).
2.15 *Brandy for the People* (1951, b/w) starring *James Donald*, *Jean Lodge* and *Kenneth More*. Comedy about a holiday in the south of France becomes unwittingly involved in the activities of a brandy smuggler. Directed by *John Eldridge*.
3.40 *Down to Sussex*. A British Rail travelogue extolling the scenic beauty of Sussex. Directed by *Kenneth Fairbairn*.
4.00 *Movies on 4*. *Mavis Nicholson* in conversation with science fiction writer *Harry Harrison*.
4.30 *Cartoon Carnival*.
5.30 *I Dream of Jeannie*. Vintage American comedy series.
6.00 *Family Ties*. Comedy series (r).

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Hi-tech industry 'put in danger'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Government's refusal to spend money on space research and development has put Britain's future high technology industries in jeopardy, a former United States defence adviser said in London yesterday.

Dr Robert Bowman, president of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, said such industries would in future be built on the back of space programmes. But Britain's aerospace industry should not rely on any large contracts from the Strategic Defence Initiative or "Star Wars" programme to compensate for its government's failure to support a future space plan.

He recalled that America's European allies and Canada together have won bids worth £53 million, or two per cent, of the £2,650 million worth of contracts awarded over the past two years.

Yet when the first SDI cooperation agreement was signed by Britain and the US nearly two years ago by Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, up to £1,000 million worth of research work was expected to be placed in Britain.

Dr Bowman predicted that the SDI programme would be largely scrapped when President Reagan retired next year. He saw the offer of contracts as a carrot used by the Reagan Administration to gain Nato political involvement.

Dr Bowman argued that the Government's rejection of a British space plan, proposed by the British National Space Centre, was short-sighted. The Government was shooting itself in the foot, because British space scientists and space engineers would have nowhere to go but the US.

His remarks coincided with the cancellation yesterday of an important conference meant to have added to the pressure on the Government to back Britain's space programme. Apparently, only about 25 people said they would attend the meeting, planned for today by the Adam Smith Institute.

Key speakers were to have included Mr Roy Gibson, former head of the British National Space Centre, and Sir Geoffrey Partee, the former industry minister who established the British space centre to co-ordinate Britain's space programme and asked for a future space plan. Mr Gibson resigned after the Government rejected his plans to boost the space programme.

Mr Michael Simmonds, the institute's conference organiser, denied that the all-day seminar was cancelled because so few people wanted to attend. He said the institute had decided to produce a report on the importance of space instead of holding the seminar because "that would have a greater impact". However, letters cancelling the London meeting were sent out only last week, and several people turned up, not knowing the meeting was off.

Paris agrees on the short look for day or night



Creations from the Paris fashion shows: Embroidered pink candy stripes from Chanel, folds and twists from Ungaro for a taffeta evening dress, and a tiger-print skirt from Valentino (Photographs: Harry Kerr).

From Liz Smith, Fashion Editor, Paris

The superstars of Paris fashion are agreed. Dior, Valentino, Chanel and Ungaro have all endorsed the same strong message. It is fine to wear the short short skirt day and night. It's OK to set out in shorts even in diaphanous lace. Wear flowers and chintzy prints from head to toe if you like and then mix them up with pinstripes and bold checks.

As the Dow Jones plummeted, hemlines in Paris continued to soar as the giants in the fashion business took over the Paris catwalks and delivered their ultimatum, disproving the theory of the fashion historian, James Laver, that a woman's

skirt lengthens when the economy is booming.

By far the strongest advice to women coming through from the top established names is simply to have a fling with fashion and let rip in a flurry of short skirts and strike out into the vibrant new colours.

Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel uses the same pastel check tweeds and cuts the same cardigan-style suit with a wrap skirt that Mademoiselle Chanel herself loved. But the traditional Chanel suit has never been this short or fitted quite so snugly to the waist. For Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld has the gypsy in his soul. Flounced short dirndls, tight Roman cropped trousers, short

jackets and a mad jangle of primary colours drove home the gypsy theme.

But the roses that flower right through the Paris shows are replaced at Chanel by the camellia, Coco's signature flourish in the new colourful prints and trimming straw boaters which the models carried - and which turned out to be the new hat-shaped Chanel bag.

The sun is the theme at Dior, and yellow is their strong colour story. The fitch collar reappears right through Marc Bohan's collection for Dior, and alongside his sun prints there are the sprigs and bouquets of flowers that will give Paris its pastoral feel next spring.

Valentino is a designer who understands glamour. Caviar, borscht and hilts were served at his little dinner party on the eve of his show. Among the glamorous treats in his new collection are tiny jewelled dresses over which flatter skirts in tiger print organdy. Valentino brings back the trapeze line in tiny high-waisted teens and tiered dresses with an added flourish of a flounce that swings high at the back. His popular jungle prints reappear for summer in T-shirting as well as organdy.

In a display of flamboyance that provided little for the average English, Ungaro suggests a few new twists and knots to

tighten up still further his famous draped and swagged lines. His double-knotted sarong skirts are fun, pulled taut this way and that, once high on one hip and then again further down on the opposite thigh.

Ungaro offers no hope to the woman who has not worked on her muscle tone. The silhouette is whipped into line in a flurry of racking in vivid flower prints mixed up with polka dots, checks and chalk stripes.

This has been a vintage ready-to-wear season, which winds up today with a show from the supreme himself, Yves Saint Laurent, and the presentation of the fashion Oscars at the Opéra tonight.

KGB hover as Soviet 'mental patient' talks

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Tilov, who will be leaving for Israel soon, said that when he left the hospital near Smolensk a number of political prisoners remaining there - whose names he read out in painstaking detail - had pleaded with him to take their cases to the outside world.

"When you are committed to a special psychiatric hospital, you are given no length of sentence. You can stay in that hell for 20 years or more," he added.

"That is why suicide is such a common way out. In my time in the hospital, 11 people killed themselves as the only way to escape the torture of the daily drug sessions."

Every time a new reporter arrived at the unusual con-

ference, he or she would have to shout their identity before the locked door to the shabby flat was opened.

Also present was an Orthodox Russian priest in black robes, who claimed that incarceration in psychiatric hospitals remained a favourite method in the Soviet Union for dealing with believers who were inconvenient to the state.

Because of the secrecy and sensitivity surrounding the issue, no accurate figure of those political prisoners now locked away in Soviet mental institutions is available.

But detailed cases of 14 were handed round yesterday on flimsy, carbon-copied sheets and the total is considered by Western diplomatic sources to be well into the hundreds.

Ministers express concern Thatcher 'works too hard'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Senior ministers are voicing misgivings about what they see as Mrs Thatcher's excessive workload and her determination to be involved in the detailed planning of all main legislation for the coming year.

The Prime Minister has taken charge of the three Cabinet committees dealing with the most contentious items on the Government's legislative agenda, the introduction of the community charge, and widespread reforms in the fields of education and housing.

She also chairs the crucial committee on the inner cities, whose work cuts across several government departments

and whose tasks have been made such a high priority for her third Parliament.

Senior ministers are expressing the view that in her unchallengeable position in the Conservative Party, and as a leading figure on the world stage, the Prime Minister should be prepared to stand back from the day and leave the details of implementing her programme to her Cabinet colleagues.

They fear that by displaying what they regard as an almost obsessive wish to see through a manifesto which she sees as very much her own creation, the Prime Minister is taking several risks.

She may give the im-

pression that the Government is a one-man band and that she does not trust her colleagues to get on with the job.

By associating herself so closely with all the controversial areas of legislation, the inevitable setbacks that will occur as the bills pass through Parliament will be seen as personal defeats for her.

Ministers think she also risks losing her grip on international events by devoting an excessive amount of time to domestic affairs.

There have been recent suggestions from Irish government sources that the Prime Minister should do more to follow through the Anglo-Irish agreement.

British economic base is sound, says Lawson

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bank-lending figures and the fact that Britain was heading for an £8 billion deficit on manufacturing trade by the end of the year. The bill had also been affected by an unchecked consumer lending boom.

He predicted that the BP share issue would be a failure. The institutions that had underwritten the issue would be left with shares which they did not want to hold and which they were bound to unload at some time - the worst possible prescription for one of Britain's greatest companies.

Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow employment secretary, has warned workers thinking of joining company

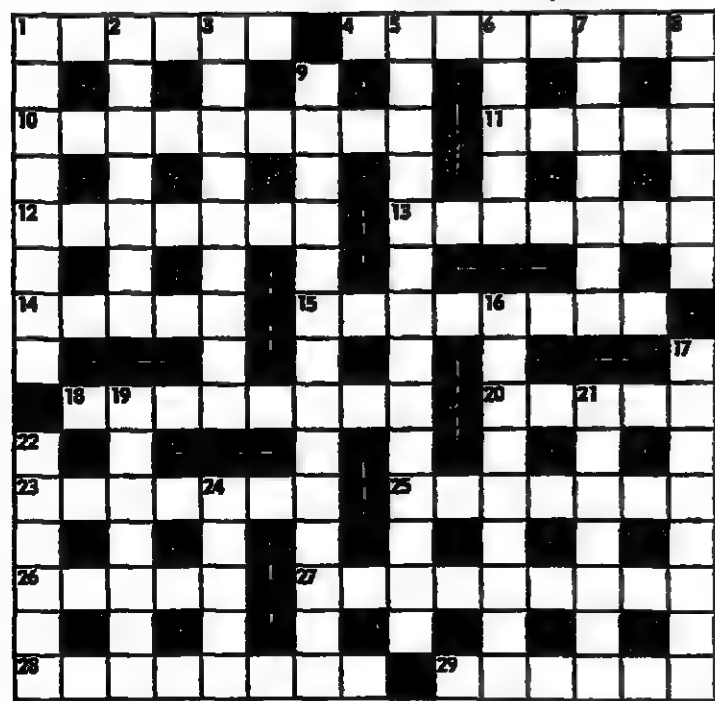
share schemes to reconsider after the Stock Exchange crash.

He said it was clear that the bullish market had to come to an end.

"The great danger to workers is the close association that company share schemes have with jobs," he said. "If this financial collapse goes on, not only are the workers' shares in danger, but also their jobs. If shares suffer, jobs suffer too."

Mr Meacher, who was speaking to a group of industrial journalists, said there would be a sea-change not just in the economy, but in the political field as well. He said the Tories' "blitz" of the election was now over and the country was going to see a very different economic scene.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,493



This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 15 of the 22 competitors in the 1987 national final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

- ACROSS**
1. Bearish old city function (6).
 2. Raise signal to change ends (8).
 3. Order for imprisonment - or burial? (9).
 4. Climb in gear (3-2).
 5. Resolution for the withdrawal of bonds (7).
 6. It supported three well-bred girls (7).
 7. Shakespearean heroine loses church money (5).
 8. Made a penny for each bird (8).
 9. Strap left buckled on leather breastplate (8).
 10. Off the top of one's head, one might call it a trophy (5).
 11. Boy with degree in charge of stone work (7).
 12. Female ruff and variegated term come down to earth (2-5).
 13. Label American flower in Spain (5).
 14. Opening in profit, say by a pound (9).
 15. Truly the right death for a young horse (8).
 16. He ranks as a Leveller (6).

- DOWN**
1. A Continental pair split up (8).
 2. House on deferred terms, say, belonging to an Arab (7).
 3. A casino is, in essence, a bit of a racket (9).
 4. A lunar deviant - one disposed to worry about his health (14).
 5. "O what a ... and peasant slave am I" (Hamlet) (5).
 6. Prompt service needed for car indicator (7).
 7. Young chap admits university course has folded (6).
 8. Written instruction detailing the business to be done (5,9).
 9. Traveller's fare (9).
 10. Diamond held in the hand (8).
 11. Name G A Sala made up - Italian, of course (7).
 12. Changed to high note on reed, perhaps (7).
 13. Uneasy about German with longer's word (6).
 14. Sounding like the letter n of organ (5).

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WEATHER

Much of England and Wales will be cloudy, with rain, especially in northern areas. Clearer though showery weather later will have a cloudy and wet day with the rain heavy at times. Northern Ireland will probably escape the rain and will have some sunshine in more western parts. After a mild night it will become fresher. Light winds will become moderate to fresh. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: sunny periods and showers, especially in the North at first, becoming generally dry with some overnight patchy fog and a touch of frost.

ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Notes
Algeria	22-28	SE	1-3	
Amman	18-25	SE	1-3	
Baghdad	22-28	SE	1-3	
Bombay	28-32	SE	1-3	
Buenos Aires	18-25	SE	1-3	
Calcutta	28-32	SE	1-3	
Cairo	22-28	SE	1-3	
Colon	28-32	SE	1-3	
Dhaka	28-32	SE	1-3	
Hong Kong	28-32	SE	1-3	
London	18-25	SE	1-3	
Madras	28-32	SE	1-3	
Mumbai	28-32	SE	1-3	
New Delhi	28-32	SE	1-3	
Paris	18-25	SE	1-3	
Rangoon	28-32	SE	1-3	
Singapore	28-32	SE	1-3	
Tokyo	18-25	SE	1-3	
Yokohama	18-25	SE	1-3	

AROUND BRITAIN

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Notes
London	18-25	SE	1-3	
Edinburgh	18-25	SE	1-3	
Belfast	18-25	SE	1-3	
Cardiff	18-25	SE	1-3	
Exeter	18-25	SE	1-3	
Gloucester	18-25	SE	1-3	
Leeds	18-25	SE	1-3	
Liverpool	18-25	SE	1-3	
Manchester	18-25	SE	1-3	
Newcastle	18-25	SE	1-3	
Nottingham	18-25	SE	1-3	
Sheffield	18-25	SE	1-3	
Southampton	18-25	SE	1-3	
Stirling	18-25	SE	1-3	
Wolverhampton	18-25	SE	1-3	
Wrexham	18-25	SE	1-3	

HIGH TIDES

Area	Time	Height
London	12:00	12.5
Edinburgh	12:00	12.5
Belfast	12:00	12.5
Cardiff	12:00	12.5
Exeter	12:00	12.5
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THE POUND

Area	Rate
London	1.00
Edinburgh	1.00
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Cardiff	1.00
Exeter	1.00
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Leeds	1.00
Liverpool	1.00
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Newcastle	1.00
Nottingham	1.00
Sheffield	1.00
Southampton	1.00
Stirling	1.00
Wolverhampton	1.00
Wrexham	1.00

AM

PM

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.28 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 5.28 pm to 7.28 am
Manchester 5.28 pm to 7.28 am
Plymouth 5.28 pm to 7.28 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; t, thunder; w, wind.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: min 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); max 6 pm to 6 pm, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.1 in. Sun: 0.0 in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.0 in. 1,000 ft. max: 29.5 in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Gatwick Airport, 11C (52F); lowest day temp: Lough, 10C (50F). Highest night temp: Lough, 10C (50F). Lowest night temp: Lough, 10C (50F). Sun: 0.0 in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.0 in.

NOON TODAY

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1439.2 (-190.0)
FT-SE 100
1801.8 (-250.7)

Bargains
7889 (56790)
USM (Datastream)
188.23 (-25.18)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6540 (-0.0270)
W German mark
2.9896 (+0.0025)
Trade-weighted
73.4 (-0.4)

Brierley lifts S&N holding

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand industrialist, has acquired a 1.69 per cent share stake in Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, the Youngers and McEwan beer group which is bidding £194 million for Matthew Brown, the brewer.

IEP Securities, the Hong Kong arm of Mr Brierley's Brierley Investments Ltd group, moved among the debris of Monday's crashing stock markets to pick up a further 2.375 million S&N shares at prices ranging from 25p to 241p.

Stock Exchange rules require disclosure of all deals where more than 1 per cent of the shares of any company involved in a takeover situation are involved.

Beazer soars

CH Beazer (Holdings) more than doubled its turnover and pretax profits in the year to June with all divisions contributing to the advance.

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Profits down

Peterson Zochonis was unsettled by the weaker Nigerian economy in the year ended May 31, and despite a healthy rise in investment income, shows pretax profits of £33.3 million compared with £42.3 million. The final dividend rises from 4.85p to 5.35p a share, making 7.1p (6.5p) for the year.

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Loss reduced

Davies & Newman, the Den-Air group, reported an interim pretax loss of £3.2 million compared with £3.5 million last year. Turnover was up 7 per cent to £142 million and the dividend was raised by a penny to 4p.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1725.30 (-13.44)
Dow Jones	2910.00 (-388.84)
Hong Kong	Suspended
Hang Seng	1548.8 (-51.4)
Frankfurt	1888.4 (-74.7)
Commerzbank	4282.8 (-20.8)
General	282.8 (-1.2)
Paris: CAC	1241.54 (-17.55)
Zarph: S&A Gen	1241.54 (-17.55)
FT-30 Share	1439.2 (-190.0)
FT-100	1801.8 (-250.7)
FT Gold Mines	427.8 (-18.8)
FT 100 Interest	91.11 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs	85.21 (+1.48)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:	
MS International	83p (+3p)
Albion & Sons	113p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Lucas	610p (-30p)
Nat West	540p (-12p)
Hawker Sid	480p (-12p)
Calsonic	480p (-12p)
Jaguar	437p (-37p)
GUS A	1273p (-95p)
Financial Group	820p (-10p)
City Direct	545p (-75p)
Sun Alliance	940p (-103p)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base:	10%
3-month Interbank 10 1/4-10 1/2%	
3-month eligible bills:	9 1/2-9 3/4%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate 8 1/4%	
Federal Funds 7 1/4%	
3-month Treasury Bills 6.54-6.55%	
30-year bonds 8 1/2-8 3/4%	

CURRENCIES

London:		New York:	
£/\$	1.6540	£/\$	81.6537
£/DM	2.9896	£/DM	1.8090
£/Sfr	2.4810	£/Sfr	1.5005
£/FF	6.9360	£/FF	6.9360
£/Yen	238.01	£/Yen	144.00
£/Indonesian	73.8	£/Indonesian	102.8
£/ECU	10.62819	£/ECU	10.77684

GOLD

London Posing:		New York:	
AM 481.80 PM 484.30		AM 481.80 PM 484.30	
close 485.00-487.00		close 485.00-487.00	
Comex 488.10-493.70			

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec)	pm\$18.85 bb (\$19.17)
Denmark latest trading price	

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Dollar moves higher as Group of Seven reaffirms Louvre accord

Ministers soothe the markets

By Rodney Lord and Bailey Morris

Soothing words from the world's finance ministers and reduced pressure on interest rates combined to produce a spectacular reversal in currency and bond markets yesterday. By the close of dealing in London the dollar had returned to a level higher than before the weekend at DM1.8090 while gilt-edged stocks had recovered by nearly £3 in the wake of a soaring US bond market.

The reversal came in response to intense efforts by the finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of Seven countries to demonstrate that they remained committed to co-ordinating policies and to the Louvre accord on exchange rate stability.

At a hastily called press conference, the West German finance minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, said that he and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, had reached a positive evaluation of the Louvre accord at their meeting on Monday. Contacts with several other finance ministers in Europe showed that they shared this view of the benefits of stability.

Matching deeds to words, upward pressure on interest rates, which helped spark the collapse in share markets, abated in both West Germany and the US. Chemical Bank and Marine Midland Bank reversed their increase in prime rates last week, bringing them back from 9 1/4 per cent to 9 1/8 per cent.

In West Germany, the weekly repurchase agreement was done at a fixed rate of 3.80 per cent compared with last week's rate of 3.85 per cent. In a striking reversal of his message last week, Herr Karl Otto Foehl, the Bundesbank president, said "inflationary fears were unjustified" and that West Germany did not want an international rise in interest rates.

There were, however, reports in Washington that a lower band for the dollar had been agreed to at the Baker/Stoltenberg meeting. An official said a similar

adjustment had been made in April on the dollar-yen rate.

Britain's Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, commented that the size of the correction on Wall Street was "absurd" and that any increase in US rates would not lead the US economy into recession.

The dollar began to recover early yesterday in Tokyo following news of Mr Baker's meeting with Herr Stoltenberg and it closed there 2.75 pence higher than the New York close at DM1.8010. The London opening was down 1.05 pence on renewed nervousness but following the support for the Louvre accord from West Germany it rose to DM1.82 before closing at DM1.8090.

Sterling fell 2.70 cents against the recovering dollar to \$1.6540 but rose 34 points against the mark to DM2.9917. The effective exchange rate index finished 0.4 down at 73.4.

US bond markets surged after the Chemical and Midland primes fell back into line. Despite poor bank lending figures followed, rising by nearly £3. West German bonds rose by a similar proportion.

Earlier in the day, Congressional leaders urged President Reagan to agree to a bipartisan economic summit to seek emergency solutions to the US budget and trade deficits which had undermined confidence in the economy. The invitation was issued as the White House announced new deficit projections for the 1988 fiscal year and the President signed a temporary "sequester" order that could require across-the-board cuts in federal spending of \$23 billion.

The invitation to attend a summit, to break a continued stalemate over ways to reduce the budget deficit, was issued by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, James Wright, and by Mr Robert Byrd, Senate majority leader. Both men said Congress and the White House had to work together to send the right signal to financial markets.

US government bond yields, which had opened at 10.4 per cent on Monday morning, fell sharply to 9.1 per cent, as bond prices surged by six points.

Analysts now believe that



Future shock: hectic trading on the London International Financial Futures Exchange. World markets roundup, page 27

Bonds rise amid optimism on rates

By Our Economics Correspondent

Government bonds turned dramatically better yesterday, on the hope that interest rates worldwide will not now have to rise.

In London, gilt-edged moved sharply higher, in spite of poor money supply figures, responding to overnight gains on the US bond market. They ended with gains of 2 points or more, reversing Monday's decline.

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Prices suspended by unit trusts

by Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Thousands of investors in unit trusts have been unable to redeem their units as share prices plunged this week because several fund management companies suspended business on their accounts.

Two of the best-known companies to have suspended prices were GT Unit Managers and Henderson Administration.

Mr Mark St Giles, managing director of GT Unit Managers, said that if markets moved as fast as they had since Monday it was impossible to give the funds a fair valuation. "It would therefore not be fair on our unit holders

Strong rise in bank lending

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent. Bank lending increased sharply last month, confirming the strong growth in credit. The growth of narrow money, M0, also accelerated last month.

Sterling bank lending grew by £4.4 billion, on a seasonally adjusted basis, after a £2 billion increase in August.

The strong September rise, which was only just below the record £4.9 billion increase in July, reflected buoyant credit demand from all categories of borrower.

The Bank of England cited strong growth in credit in its decision to force a one-point rise in base rates on August 6. The base rate rise appears to have had little impact on credit growth.

Bank of England officials said that there were no special factors in the September lending rise. Foreign currency loans to companies, the repayment of which mitigated the July increase in sterling lending, were not thought to be a significant factor last month.

However, Bank officials pointed out that the overall growth in broad money, M3, of 0.8 per cent, was below the rate of increase in lending, largely thanks to low public-sector borrowing. The 12-month rate of growth of M3 fell to 19.5 per cent, from 22.1 per cent in August.

As well as the low PSBR last month, M3 growth was held back by net foreign purchases of gilts of about £600 million. Although the financial markets were preoccupied with international developments yesterday, the money supply figures were regarded as poor.

"They were disappointing," said Mr John Sheppard, an economist at Warburg Securities. "The lending figures remain very, very buoyant."

Mr Peter Warburton, an economist at Shearson-Lehman, said: "The bank lending figures add a specific element of uncertainty to the general uncertainty."

The only measure of money supply targeted by the Government is M0, which has a 2 to 6 per cent target range. M0 rose by 0.8 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month, for an increase of 5.2 per cent on a year ago.

Bank officials said that the timing of the August Bank Holiday may have affected the 12-month rate of growth of M0. City analysts expect M0 to creep up nearer to the top of its target range over the next two months.

BP sale underwriters still facing £800m losses

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government's sale of its 31.5 per cent holding in BP is to go ahead on schedule, despite the world financial community's loss of more than £800 million if the issue fails to attract the number of buyers initially expected.

The gradual climb back upwards in the BP share price - yesterday it dropped to 265p but closed in London at 289p - is limiting the potential

losses faced on the issue by the financial institutions that have underwritten the offer.

The Government hopes that the market will recover by next Wednesday, the closing day for share applications, and that the new breed of small investor it has created through its privatization programme will have regained confidence in BP and in the stock market and apply for shares.

The companies that have underwritten the offer - 60 per cent of them UK institu-

tional buyers to be less pessimistic about the share sale.

The early losses facing the underwriters could be as low as £125 million thanks to the payment for more than half of the shares involved, the 50 per cent tranche earmarked for the British small investor, being due in three stages.

The issue was underwritten at 327p - the institutions taking 3p a share as their underwriting fee - so the Government is assured of its

income from the sale. BP in turn is assured of £1.5 billion from the rights issue which is being conducted parallel to the Government share sale.

Most City oil analysts are advising clients who have been considering the offer to wait until early next week before making a final decision.

The 6 million people who have registered an interest in buying BP shares received their priority applications forms earlier this week and must return them to the

Lonrho 'assurances'

Lonrho has given "assurances" concerning its accounts for further years to the Department of Trade and Industry following an examination by the DTI of allegations from House of Fraser that the accounts breached the Companies Act 1985.

Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, yesterday declined to elaborate on the nature of the assurances provided. He did, however, say: "There are no assurances of any consequence, we are not talking about anything."

The DTI examination of Lonrho's accounts follows criticism of Lonrho's 1985/86 accounts by House of Fraser. In July it published a report from Arthur Young, the accountants, which argued that Lonrho had systematically overstated its profits over a number of years.

Last week Mr Francis Maude, the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, wrote to House of Fraser, explaining DTI action following House of Fraser's complaints.

He said that Lonrho "has given the Department a detailed explanation of its accounting policies adopted in its 1985/86 accounts and given additional information."

"The company has also given the Department assurances concerning its accounts for future years. In the light of these assurances I have concluded that no further action by the Department is called for in relation to the company's accounts," Mr Maude added.

Hill Samuel exodus

At least 40 members of Hill Samuel's 60-strong corporate finance team are moving to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities and merchant banking arm of Barclays Bank. Many of the most senior team executives are on the move.

The defection will come as a blow to the Trustee Savings Bank Group which bought Hill Samuel for £777 million two weeks ago and will now be left with only the rump of the merchant bank's successful corporate finance division.

The move is the last stage in a saga which began more than a month ago when BZW first tried to recruit Hill Samuel's corporate finance experts en masse.

BZW attempted to tie up a deal with them late in August after the collapse of Union

Bank of Switzerland's bid for Hill Samuel. The failure of the deal caused a severe loss of morale in the corporate finance division which had hoped for the extra strength which a link with the Swiss bank would have given it.

Mr Trevor Swete and Mr Christopher Roshier, the head and deputy head of the department, were sacked in August by the Hill Samuel board which accused them of negotiating the deal without the board's knowledge or consent. It is understood that at that stage, terms of employment for most of the department had already been arranged.

Mr Swete and Mr Roshier yesterday announced that they were going to Dresdner Bank, the US securities house.

Quoted GRA takes control of historic stadium

Buying a share in Wembley

By Cliff Feldman

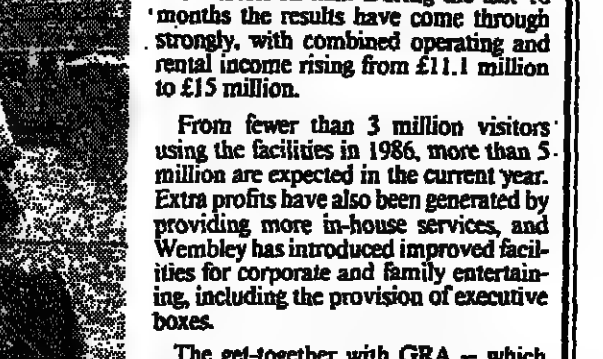
Souvenir hunters need no longer risk arrest for trying to prise up a piece of the hallowed Wembley turf. They will soon have their first chance to own shares in Wembley Stadium, scene of England's historic World Cup victory in 1966 and a landmark in British sport.

This follows the long-awaited merger announced yesterday between the private company owning Wembley Stadium and the property and greyhound racing group GRA.

Under the terms of the deal, Wembley Stadium is being reversed into GRA, giving it a controlling interest in the enlarged group, which now becomes an important force in the leisure industry.

A total of £68.5 million is being paid for Wembley Stadium, based on the 150p price at which the GRA shares were suspended ahead of the announcement. A £13.2 million portion of the price is being paid in non-voting deferred convertible shares.

Wembley Stadium was originally owned by the conglomerate British Electric Traction before passing into the control of a consortium led by Mr Brian



Wolston: football fan and financier

Wolston, the football fan and financier, and Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh property group.

They have worked tirelessly to restore the stadium to its former glory and find more users for the complex. Now it is used not only as England's national football stadium, but also for pop concerts, American football and greyhound racing.

The complex also comprises an arena, squash, music and conference centre,

and exhibition hall. During the last 18 months the results have come through strongly, with combined operating and rental income rising from £11.1 million to £15 million.

From fewer than 3 million visitors using the facilities in 1986, more than 5 million are expected in the current year. Extra profits have also been generated by providing more in-house services, and Wembley has introduced improved facilities for corporate and family entertaining, including the provision of executive boxes.

The get-together with GRA - which owns six dog tracks including Oxford and Wimbledon - will produce a combined company with a net worth of about £100 million and a strong balance sheet.

"We should be major players in the leisure industry," said Mr Wolston, who is to take over as chairman of the new group from Mr Isidore Kerman, who is to stay on the board as a director.

GRA yesterday reported a profit before tax of £853,000 for the first half of the year. This compares with £548,000 the same time last year.

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WALL STREET

Dow rallies by 39 points

New York (Reuters) — The Dow Jones industrial average was 39 points higher at 1,777.41 in early trading yesterday after dropping by a record 508.32 points on Monday. But it had been 200 points higher in initial trading yesterday.

Traders explained that it rose on a price cut by a few banks and the pledge by Mr Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, to provide liquidity for the economy.

Trading was at record levels. IBM, a blue chip bellwether stock, was up by 12% at 116 and Merck was 4% higher at 164.

● New York (Reuters) — Bankers Trust's earnings per share for the third quarter of 1987 rose to \$2.03, against \$1.53. Net income was up from \$110.2 million to \$146.4 million. However, the bank made a loss of \$3.99 a share for the

first nine months compared with a profit of \$4.62. The net loss was \$283.3 million against a profit of \$330.5 million (\$50.7 billion), while deposits were \$30.4 billion (\$25.9 billion) and loans \$26.3 billion (\$25.1 billion). The nine months' loss reflects a \$700 million increase in loan-loss provisions.

● Atlanta (Reuters) — Coca Cola Enterprises' net profit was up from \$23.1 million to \$31.9 million (\$15.7 million) in the third quarter of this year. However, because the average number of shares outstanding has risen to 140.1 million (68.6 million) earnings per share are unchanged at 23 cents. Revenues were also more than doubled at \$876.9 million (\$401.2 million). Earnings per share for the first nine months are up from 42 to 53 cents. Net profit jumped to \$74 million (\$28.9 million).

	Oct 19	Oct 18	Oct 17	Oct 16	Oct 15	Oct 14
AMR	48	48	48	48	48	48
ASA	34	34	34	34	34	34
Asahi	50	50	50	50	50	50
Bank of America	112	112	112	112	112	112
Bank of New York	42	42	42	42	42	42
Bank of Tokyo	112	112	112	112	112	112
Bank of West	42	42	42	42	42	42
Bank of Montreal	42	42	42	42	42	42
Bank of Commerce	42	42	42	42	42	42
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Round the world's stock exchanges

The day markets went mad

"Well, Tim, interesting times," said a chatty trader yesterday morning at Phillips & Drew, the London broker. His colleagues stared at their dealing screens with the fascination of someone watching an episode of *Crossroads* and wondering whether it could get any worse. Mr Tim Brown, P&D's head of sales, looked as if *interesting* was not the adjective on the tip of his tongue.

Maybe Mr Brown had heard Chancellor Nigel Lawson on the radio at the crack of dawn dismissing the severity of the world's stock market slump as, quite frankly, "rather absurd." Such words must have reassured many anxious City traders that there would, after all, be honey still for tea.

Perhaps reception was bad yesterday morning, affected by last week's sales. Whatever the reason, Mr Lawson's Nervousness refrain from the BBC's radio ear failed to impress the movers and shakers in the City who were still tuned in to Wall Street.

Joe Joseph reports from a broker's dealing room in London

Even before the market opened, Dr Paul Nield, the head of equities at P&D, was predicting London would start lower, Lawson or no Lawson.

Like many others in the City, he got to the office 20 minutes early, just before 7am, to secure his ringside seat. Sure enough, the FT-SE 100 index sank 186 points at the open. An hour later, it had slid 247 points.

"Some correction at some point was necessary," said Dr Nield generously. "But that doesn't explain this fall. The size of this correction has been unprecedented and unprecedentedly swift. It has not been a profitable experience. The important thing is to keep your head, keep an eye on the fundamentals, and don't be too heroic about it. Today we lose money. What we are trying to do is avoid losing money as far as we are able. That's the name of the game."

"In some ways," added Dr Nield, proving that only Darwin's spiritual children grow up to become the City's

top bananas, "we see what is happening as an opportunity because it weakens our competitors."

Almost on cue, a rumour swept the City that a major US broker had just filed for protection from creditors under the US bankruptcy laws. In the frenzy, nobody seemed too bothered that it was the middle of the night in New York, an unsafe hour to walk the streets, let alone track down a willing government official.

Then, another voice told of a Hong Kong speculator who, having lost a fortune, marched into the office of his financial adviser and shot off his head — his adviser's, not his own. The tale underlined how precarious things can get, especially since the Hong Kong authorities had decided shrewdly to close the market altogether.

In London, the market continued to drop like a warm thermometer thrust into a snowdrift. By noon, the FT-SE index had fallen by more than 300 points, proving that London was more

than able to match Tokyo and New York, crash for crash.

There was a moment of confusion mid-afternoon when the market was caught off guard: the US cavalry, dressed in the colours of two leading American banks, cut their interest rates and sent a shiver of optimism racing across the Atlantic.

But everyone soon realised that if what goes down must come up, it was equally plausible — and even more in tune with the laws of nature — that what goes up must come down: share prices swiftly resumed their descent.

Having cut its losses to just 67.2 points at one stage, the index dived back to close 250 points lower.

"At the moment you have a market that is being governed more by mass hysteria than by logic," said Mr Brown. "When the market is like this, you can't do anything sensible with your portfolio." And nobody, quite frankly, was in the mood to argue.

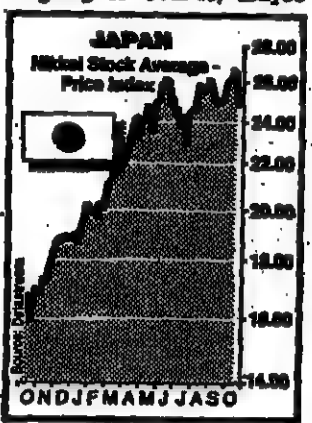
TOKYO

Panic, but buyers move in all day

From Our Correspondent, Tokyo

Like nearly every other stock exchange round the world, Tokyo was engulfed in frenzied activity with dealers and clients screaming down telephone lines to the trading floors and to their counterparts in other stock markets, but the traders took a sanguine view as many buyers slipped through the carnage to grab attractive bargains in the late afternoon.

"It is rough, but it is not unexpected and I think Tokyo is going to bounce, maybe



even tomorrow," a tired trader said as he headed home. "But we will still be here tomorrow."

The Tokyo stock market had followed the New York and Toronto plunges with the key 225-stock Nikkei Dow Average closing 3,336.48 lower at 21,910.08, a loss of 14.9 per cent.

The Tokyo exchange did, however, unlike the Hong Kong market, remain open all day and, while sellers overwhelmed buyers, there were buyers in the market all day too, an analyst said.

"The loss is of course worrying, but the market mechanism worked well, there was no real panic and it appears things at least slowed down from the frenzy on Wall Street on Monday," he said.

Bond prices in Tokyo were up and the dollar gained 1.45 yen to 142.80 yen on the foreign exchange. The analyst added that if the panic moves into the bond market, then the US would have major cause for concern.



Calm in a stormy world: the Hong Kong exchange yesterday

HONG KONG

Trading suspended for week

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday suspended trading for the rest of the week in the wake of the biggest one-day fall in its history.

The suspension followed a single day plunge of 420 points on the Hang Seng Index on Monday, which wiped HK\$65 billion (\$5.2 billion) off the value of the Crown Colony's shares.

Mr Ronald Li, the stock exchange chairman, said that the four-day closure was necessary to protect local investors. He added that he did not think Hong Kong's image as an international financial centre would be damaged as a result of the decision.

He said the move was made in view of the chaotic situation on Monday and that the local economy was not responsible for the slump in the stock market. "The world markets were dragging down the Hong Kong market," he said. "It is a matter of psychology which cannot be controlled by us."

The closure was slammed by Mr Richard Wims, managing director of Schroder Securities and secretary of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange during the boom and busts of the early 1970s and 1980s.

He said: "The market should be allowed to do what it wants to do. None of the other markets in the world has taken this action."

SYDNEY

Australian futures give signal of worse to come

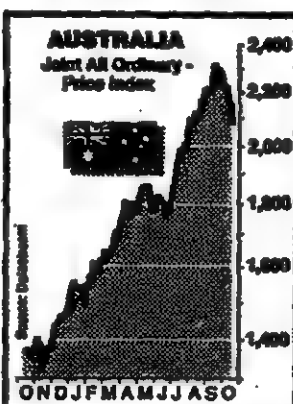
From Richard Battley Sydney

Waves of panic selling caused the worst day in Australian share market history yesterday as investors slashed an unprecedented \$4.5 billion (\$2.7 billion) off stocks.

"What can you possibly say, so one alive has seen before what we saw here today," Mr Norm Peating of the Melbourne broker Potter Partners said after the market's main indicator, the all-ordinaries index, dropped a record 512.8 points or 24.8 per cent to 1,552.6 points.

This easily eclipsed the previous highest point fall of 81.3 on Monday, and is more than five times larger than the 4.6 per cent loss on September 27 1974.

The Australian market was the last domino in the worldwide stock market collapse on Monday. "It was inevitable that our market would sink in



line with the main markets but a fall of this size is absolutely staggering," a broker said.

Investors signalled that the market has not bottomed out by slashing the December share price index futures by a record 676 points to 1,330 points — an astounding 222.6 points discount on the physical market.

FRANKFURT

A day of 'total chaos' and wild fluctuations

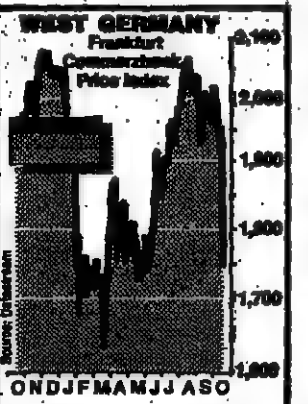
From John England Frankfurt

Share prices on the Frankfurt stock exchange yesterday fluctuated wildly, with some stocks gaining but most still weak, in what brokers described as "total chaos" that forced trading to be extended for the second consecutive day.

There were marked differences in developments in the same markets that saw, for example, AEG close up DM16, Siemens down DM15, BASF and Hoechst up DM9.50 each.

The Commerzbank index slowed its dive, closing at 1,669.4, down 74.7 points, against a drop of 132 points on Monday. Government bonds put on increases of up to DM3.65.

On the foreign exchange market, the dollar recovered sharply to DM1.7918 after a drop to DM1.7740 on Mon-



day, following talks on co-operation between Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president.

But gold dropped from \$481.60 per fine ounce in early trading to \$464.30.

Crisis? What crisis?

Horror stories may have been emanating from New York, London, Tokyo and even Belgium but not all the world's stock markets have fallen out of bed. The Cairo market, the oldest in the Middle East, traded normally yesterday with dealers still oblivious to the mayhem elsewhere. "Is there a crisis in world stock markets?" inquired one stockbroker, Nassef Guirguis. "When did it start? Maybe the Iran-Iraq war is causing it." Share prices in Cairo were unaffected by plunging prices elsewhere. Sitting in comfortable chairs in their dealing rooms, brokers there dealt in shares of local companies quietly and without panic. "Our stock market is unique," said Guirguis. "Companies in Egypt are not listed anywhere else in the world — a world recession would not affect us." Some 430 companies are listed on the Cairo exchange with a share value of 230 million Egyptian pounds (£63 million), and the average daily volume is between 10 and 25 transactions. The next direct flight leaves Heathrow at 3pm today.

Round Robin

The Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, seems to have a fair for arranging his foreign trips at just the right moment. He left on Monday for Romania, as guest of the president of the National Bank, and travels on to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria before returning on Thursday of next week. The Governor, it

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Howzat for a bid

After the stock market crash investors must be searching for safe houses for what money they have left. But few have come up with such imaginative investments as John Coyle, director of the quoted PR agency Broad Street Associates. An ardent cricket fan, he has paid £170 at a charity auction for a West Indian Test match sweater so big it hangs

below his knees. "I thought I was buying Sylvester Clarke's jumper, since it was for his benefit," says Coyle, who stands 6ft 1in "but it turned out to be one he had pitched from Joel Garner — and it must have been huggy on him!" Garner, the fast bowler known to his friends as Big Bird, stands 6ft 8in in his cricketing socks.

may be recalled, was also behind the Iron Curtain, that time in Russia, just as the Bank of England was putting £100 million into Johnson Matthey Bankers.

It's an ill wind

USM-quoted Ashted Group, the Surrey plant hire concern which has 13 of its 22 outlets



"First, the foot fell on me, then the stock market index."

in the wind-torn South-east, has been experiencing record trade after Friday's hurricane. Its outlets at badly hit Leatherhead, Surrey, and Lancing, Sussex, ran out of generators, roof ladders, mini-excavators, tarpaulins and chainsaws within an hour of opening on Friday, and stocks at other branches have also since been exhausted. But it seems that perhaps not all the tools will be used in the way originally intended. Some old hands in the City were yesterday jesting that the chainsaws, at least, could now be put to another use — suggesting, almost a little too eagerly, the inexperienced young market-makers blamed for triggering London's panic stock market fall.

There is, after all, the odd ray of wit amid the gloom. Phillips & Drew say: "Japanese swaps are the only bull market around. I'm told it is even funnier in Japan."

Carol Leonard

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Lending the markets an air of unreality

Nothing illustrated the air of unreality pervading the City better than the gilt market's reaction to the September money supply figures. The big bad number was a £4.4 billion rise in sterling bank lending, only a shade below the record July figure that helped get the gilt market into its present mess.

There was a momentary reaction in gilts, a somewhat larger one in equities, but yesterday's influences were almost entirely international, and by the close gilts were showing gains of two points at the long end. On a normal day, with a set of bank lending figures like these, gilts would have been more likely to end two points down.

There were no special factors in the September money supply figures. Bank lending was well above the top of the range of market expectations without any extenuating circumstances, as in July, of repayments of foreign currency borrowing by companies.

Credit growth is very strong, and shows little signs of abating. And when it is no longer possible to say with any confidence that excess credit growth will be absorbed in rising prices for financial assets, there may be more reason to be concerned that it will be reflected in rising prices for goods.

Certainly, to judge from the figures from the clearing banks, just about everyone wants to borrow at the moment. The spectrum running from borrowing on credit cards by individuals to lending to manufacturing industry for investment was filled with strong growth in lending, the figures showed. This is all consistent with the booming real economy, but it also carries warning signals on inflation.

Even little M0 is starting to misbehave. Its 12-month rate of growth moved up to 5.2 per cent last month, from 4.5 per cent in August. It could move embarrassingly close to the top of the 2 to 6 per cent target range over the next two months, but few would expect there to be any base rate implications in this.

The poor bank lending figures may have escaped the usual attention in the general market mayhem of yesterday. It remains to be seen whether this will also apply to Friday's trade figures.

When to buy BP

In the four business days since the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, announced the price of the BP share offer (three days if hurricane Friday is excluded), the shares have lost 61p — a full 17 per cent of their value. They now stand at 289p and, at this level, any hope of a premium on the partly-paid has evaporated.

But there is still a week left before the

closing date for applications next Wednesday and if a week is a long time in politics, the gyrations of the market will have reminded us that it can be an eternity in the Stock Exchange.

Whatever happens to the BP share price between now and then, it is reasonable bet that many small investors will have been scared off.

If the market price recovers to 310p, which is equivalent to the offer price of 330p if the benefit of the instalment payments is taken into account, the UK institutions will be fairly happy to take their allocations on the underwriting stick.

But if the price remains below this critical level, a new danger will emerge. Approximately one billion of the shares on offer have been underwritten by overseas institutions and they could well dump their underwriting "stick" back on the London market, depressing the share price still further.

For those with a stout heart and nerves of steel, that could be a better buying opportunity than the original offer.

The system holds up

A year after Big Bang, the new dealing system has come in for its biggest test and is holding up well. No market-maker appears to be on the brink of extinction. To counter the sort of market rumours that always arise at such times, SG Warburg Securities admitted that it had suffered losses of a mere £4.7 million on Monday. For a group of Warburg's financial strength these are definitely not massive losses. Barclays de Zoete Wedd also denied rumours of big losses, while in New York both Shearson Lehman Brothers and Goldman Sachs publicly denied stories that they were insolvent.

Apart from the usual complaints that dealers were not answering telephones, it was clear that many were only quoting deals of 1,000 shares each way on their screen price and margins widened when anyone on the telephone wanted to deal in larger amounts. That is perfectly permissible under Stock Exchange regulations and is understandable in current market conditions, but hardly qualifies as best market practice.

Most important of all, the machinery has held up well. Despite record trading, Seag has not gone wrong once this week. Several in-house dealing systems have run into temporary problems but no one has been forced to deal off-screen for long. There may still be some question about how some houses are coping with the new strain on their settlements systems, but the relative lack of problems is in stark contrast to the first days after Big Bang.

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5	Office	Drugs/Stores	100.00
6	Lawrence	Food	100.00
7	Electric	Industrial L-R	100.00
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10	Pay	Chemicals/Pharm	100.00
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12	Brown & Jackson	Building, Roads	100.00
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17	Flaxen	Building, Roads	100.00
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19	Chambers & Hill	Industrial A-D	100.00
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24	Westmark	Bank/Discount	100.00
25	Admiral	Industrial A-D	100.00
26	Dobson	Industrial A-D	100.00
27	Leeds (J)	Building, Roads	100.00
28	Brown	Food/Pharm	100.00
29	Macdonald	Industrial L-R	100.00
30	Dunn (S)	Industrial A-D	100.00
31	Barney	Industrial A-D	100.00
32	Cadbury-Schep (am)	Food	100.00
33	General Nat	Bank/Discount	100.00
34	Chase Manhattan	Bank/Discount	100.00
35	Bank	Industrial A-D	100.00
36	Post	Industrial A-D	100.00
37	Gordon	Industrial A-D	100.00
38	Devenport	Electronics	100.00
39	West Group	Building, Roads	100.00
40	Kalmar	Industrial A-D	100.00
41	Charing	Industrial A-D	100.00
42	Church	Building, Roads	100.00
43	CBS	Industrial L-R	100.00
44	Edwin	Industrial L-R	100.00
45	Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily News	100.00

Please take into account any minus signs

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BRITISH FUNDS						
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
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UNDATED						
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INDEX LINKED						
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP						
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OIL, GAS						
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NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS						
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SHIPPING						
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SHOES, LEATHER						
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TOBACCO						
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Losses extended

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 12. Dealings end on Friday. Contango day October 26. Settlement day November 2.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 25)

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2	Barclays & Hay	Property	100.00
3	Cast	Industrial A-D	100.00
4	Telecom	Electronics	100.00
5	Office	Drugs/Stores	100.00
6	Lawrence	Food	100.00
7	Electric	Industrial L-R	100.00
8	Office	Electronics	100.00
9	Office	Industrial L-R	100.00
10	Pay	Chemicals/Pharm	100.00
11	Cook (Wm)	Industrial A-D	100.00
12	Brown & Jackson	Building, Roads	100.00
13	England (J)	Food	100.00
14	Charing	Industrial A-D	100.00
15	Boat	Industrial A-D	100.00
16	Martin & French	Food	100.00
17	Flaxen	Building, Roads	100.00
18	Burton	Food	100.00
19	Chambers & Hill	Industrial A-D	100.00
20	Woodhouse & R	Industrial S-Z	100.00
21	DAKS (Europe)	Drugs/Stores	100.00
22	Union	Bank/Discount	100.00
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Open High Low Close Vol					Open High Low Close Vol				
Three Month Straddle					US Treasury Bond				
Dec 87	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Jan 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Feb 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Mar 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Apr 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
May 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Jun 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Jul 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Aug 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Sep 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Oct 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Nov 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Dec 88	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Jan 89	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Feb 89	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
Mar 89	90.69	90.76	90.82	90.72	10496	111-00	111-00	111-00	35000
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MEDIA & MARKETING

Why PR needs a policeman

While the City struggles with the world stock market crash, a narrower but longer-term issue is occupying its public relations industry at a conference this week: should City PR firms be registered and regulated? And, if so, who should be the policeman?

OPINION

Alan Ogden

City PR has emerged remarkably unscathed by the scandals that have befallen some of the other sectors, although the Department of Trade and Industry has investigated the occasional suspected malpractice, and the media took issue with the "dirty tricks" employed against the Argyll Group in the Distillers bid.

True, the report by the CBI-City working party deplored the practice of information being "leaked" to the financial press to stimulate interest in a company's share price or to gain favourable press comment in advance of a bid. But the Press has been and always will be an important opinion-former, and that will continue with or without PR companies.

Financial PR is already regulated to a large degree by having to follow the regulations of the Stock Exchange Yellow Book and the takeover code. What can be said, and when, is fairly closely controlled.

Most financial PR consultancies lay down stringent rules about dealing in clients' shares. The City and the financial working group of the Institute of Public Relations has been instrumental in drawing these up. In my own company, if anyone were to own, let alone deal in, a customer's shares, he would be dismissed.

So, given that rules and regulations already exist, which is the best authority to enforce them? The natural choice is the Stock Exchange, which has the mandate to distribute price-sensitive news and to monitor dealings in shares. If news is incorrectly or illegally disseminated, the Stock Exchange

has the simple sanction of refusing information from that firm or indeed forbidding dealings in the securities of a quoted company which insists on continuing to employ the miscreant.

Without authorized access to the Stock Exchange, a financial PR firm is effectively out of business. Likewise the Takeover Panel can come down hard on "dirty tricks" and pre-bid leaks.

The question of who is to check on share dealings is more subjective and difficult. Should a PR company observe the normal rules of employee shareholders, remaining free to buy and sell outside the "purdah" period of results? I believe this is too lenient, since PR consultants are invariably within the "need to know" bracket of senior management and they are there on trust.

My company has its own compliance officer whose prime responsibility is to ensure that the content of financial advertisements and the distribution of price sensitive news are executed in a proper fashion. We would not object if either the Securities and Investment Board or a government department asked him to monitor the investment portfolios of our employees against our client list.

In an increasingly competitive environment, not just in the UK but in other world financial centres, financial PR is playing an important role in helping clients communicate to the capital markets and the opinion formers who move these markets. Given the sensitivity of the tasks involved, it is right that PR consultancies adopt a responsible and professional stance and that they are not immune from the rule book. But while the industry itself may raise these issues, the existing statutory authorities must enforce the rules.

Alan Ogden is managing director of Charles Barker City, The UK's oldest financial PR firm.

Over the past half dozen years media shares such as Saatchi and Saatchi, London Weekend Television and Reed International have become some of the most attractive on the stock exchange. Fund managers have demanded a sprinkling of these companies in their portfolios and and City brokers and institutions have had to employ a new generation of media analysts to run their slide rules and cursors over them.

Now the performance of the media analysts themselves is coming under scrutiny. Last week Emtel Financial published its latest "Ranking of UK Investment Analysts", 230 city fund managers marked the analysts for such skills as depth of knowledge, quality of written material and accuracy of earnings forecasts. In the three categories which cover the media - agencies (including advertising and marketing), leisure (including television) and printing and publishing - one company, stockbroker James Capel, made a remarkable clean sweep, winning all three.

Capel's investment gurus share the fifth floor of its custom-built new building off Bishopsgate with its share salesmen. Their desks are strewn with papers and research aids - photocopies of Campaign, specialist magazines and, of course, the ubiquitous dealing screens. Through familiarity with their areas of expertise, supplemented with regular visits to the companies involved, their main job is telling their salesmen which shares to recommend to fund managers and other clients. "We provide the ammunition for the salesmen to load the gun," says Neil Blackley, who analyses the agencies with his colleague Richard Dale.

The analysts also have a sub-

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Andrew Lycett meets the financial market's champion tipsters



Reacting to black week: (left to right) media analysts Richard Dale, Richard Warner, Neil Blackley, Neil Gregory and Max Dolding

diary role dig up information on the company James Capel brings to the market: advisers on mergers and acquisitions. Later today Blackley has a plane for New York on a sleigh mission in this capacity. He reads more details about a couple of companies which are acquisition targets for an agency handled by Capel. (For obvious reasons he can't say which at this stage). He is particularly interested in management quality. "It's a matter of getting a company's skin by looking at it from all sorts of different angles," he says.

Dale has a different way of

putting it. "We try to distinguish between the good, the bad and the ugly." He and Blackley make an interesting pair. Blackley, aged 32, is tall, courteous, laconic. After working in fund management for an institution, he joined James Capel, initially to watch small companies. In 1983 he became the first analyst in the city to cover agencies full time. Now all brokers have been forced to follow suit. "At that time there was simply no agencies sector," he says. "It was capitalized at just £150 million. People thought we were crazy. Now its market capitalization is over £7 billion."

Jobs at risk at the BBC?

Expansion without dearer licence fees means drastic cuts to remain solvent

lected and sealed in envelopes.

Perhaps as a result, any staff, like BETA's assistant general secretary, Lady Leech, fear the worst. "I see it as almost inevitable that there will be job losses," said Leech. "The question simply is to what extent these can be accommodated by natural wastage and voluntary redundancies."

The BBC, at the Government's behest, is now committed to a radical increase in the number of programmes produced by independent producers. BBC TV's director of programmes, Michael Gre,

predicts that by 1990 some 600 hours a year (or 12 per cent of total output) will be made by independents. In order to free cash to pay for them, cuts will have to be made in BBC staff.

The BBC is also having to work within a reduced budget for the next three years follow-

ing the Government's decision to peg increases in the television licence fee to the rate of inflation. The financial outlook improved slightly over the summer with the discovery that the Post Office had raised more than expected from the licence fee, but the BBC can still not afford to let costs rise at more than 2 per cent a year.

Financial discipline has improved. "Zero-budgeting" has been introduced and department heads now have to make a case for every item of proposed expenditure, instead of increasing last year's budget in line with inflation.

But there is still considerable pressure to increase spending. Only last month Checkland announced seven new BBC local radio stations to be built by 1990, and deputy director-general John Birt is committed to increasing the budgets of flagship programmes like *Newsnight*, and to bringing radio and television news and current affairs together in a new building at White City.

Something, somewhere, is going to have to be cut if the BBC is to remain solvent.

Nick Higham

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Frees choice

Giveaways are booming — and, it seems, improving

Editorial excellence is not normally associated with the pages of free newspapers and magazines. But try telling them that. During a three-day conference in Harrogate last week, 612 free newspapers and 116 "courtesy" magazines vied for all manner of trophies to show just how good they are.

Among the massed newspaper mastheads were *The Hinchley* and *Bosworth* (*"Best advertising feature with editorial"*), *The Richmond* and *Twickenham Informer* and even *The Banbury Cake*.

The South Oxfordshire *Guardian* was voted Free Newspaper of the Year. Fred Plester, police sergeant turned freelance reporter, won £150 and a trophy as "Free Journalist of the Year" for his work with *Bedfordshire on Sunday*.

The number and names of the various awards was quite bewildering. But is there really anything that can be regarded as excellent in the editorial of the free? Tony Loynes, editor of *UK Press Gazette*, the journalists' trade magazine, was a judge in the newspaper section.

"I was also a judge last year, and the standard is definitely improving," he said. "There is still a great deal of shoddy journalism, but I think more are taking care with the editorial side."

The Harrogate conference was organized by the Association of Free Newspapers (AFN) and its sister organization, The Association of Free Newspapers and Periodicals.

Ian Locks is AFN's executive director. He says that in 1976 there were only 169 free newspapers. Today there are at least 900, and in the same period the number of magazines has shot up from 36 to 403. Between them, they take in more than £400 million in advertising.

Ian MacGill

Will this soap wash?

A new radio programme is like a cigar, says David Hatch, managing director of BBC Radio. "If it's a failure, no amount of puffing will make it any good. If it's a success, everyone wants to try it."

A deal of puffing is being devoted to Radio 4's grand new venture, *Citizens*, which begins on Tuesday. This is the first year-round radio drama serial to be launched in more than 20 years, and from the razzmatazz surrounding it, you could be forgiven for thinking the whole future of Radio 4 was riding on its success.

In terms of radio publicity, *Citizens* is huge. Last week's launch at Euston Station was, by radio standards, positively glitzy. Flashlights flashed, television crews prowled, the *Citizens* signature tune blared, and both the chairman of the BBC and his deputy graced the occasion. Stars from *EastEnders* and *The Archers* greeted the *Citizens* cast as they arrived by chartered train.

What was it all about? Marilyn Imrie, the editor of *Citizens*, had chosen Euston as the location because this was going to be a "travelling serial". Unlike most "soaps", *Citizens* is going to be based on characters, not locations. It will follow its characters around — not just in London, where the principals share a house in "Ditcham Heath, SW21", but back to their families in Liverpool, Birmingham, Norwich and Kilmarnock.

The careful geography — the five young principals even met at Leicester University, bang in the middle of the country — and characterization are producing advance labels like "designer soap" and "a yuppie *Archers*". The owner of the run-down Ditcham Heath house is Alex, the single mother of a three-month-old baby. Her friends, now tenants, are Anita, an Asian doctor, Julia and Michael, twins from Liverpool, and Hugh from Kilmarnock. Alex works in an arts centre. Julia is an ambitious trainee in a department store. Michael is unemployed — and some kind of born-again Christian. Hugh is working for a merchant bank.

It looks very much like the sort of set-up designed to cover all options, catering for every quirk of its target audience. And that audience is certainly not in the Radio 4 tradition — middle-aged, middle class and south-eastern — but the network's "lost generation", the under-30s.

"We want to enlarge our audience," says John Tydeman, head of radio drama, "and research tells us



Citizens of the future: the principal players in Radio 4's new drama serial, aiming to capture an elusive audience

With uncharacteristic razzmatazz, Radio 4 next week launches *Citizens*, its first new drama "soap" for more than 20 years.

Nigel Andrew calculates its chances

that there's a part of the audience we simply aren't attracting — largely a younger audience." Radio 4 has been determinedly courting this market sector for the last decade, with patchy success. *Loose Ends* has made inroads, and some radio comedy, and even *The Archers*. But there is a lot further to go in the quest for this particular BBC grail, and Radio 4 is not alone in chasing that adman's cliché, the "yuppie audience".

Tony Quinn, who is Marilyn Imrie's partner in producing *Citizens*, is confident that "young people can listen to Radio 4". Research suggests that "a staggering proportion of the radio audience is available" at the times *Citizens* is being broadcast — 11.02am on Tuesdays and Thursdays (which would suggest unemployed youth rather than yuppies) and 6.25pm on Saturdays.

"The characters are going to sound like people you know," says Imrie. She places *Citizens* firmly in the

"amazingly strong radio tradition of people-based plays", and has great faith in the audience's commitment to that tradition. In fact *Citizens* is going to have a lot more in common with the conventional radio drama of single plays than with, say, *The Archers*. Each week's two episodes will add up to something very like a self-contained play, and *Citizens* will "get inside the characters' heads", rather than inside the local pub or the corner shop. All of which suggests a product for which the market niche has perhaps yet to be created.

A great deal of research has gone into the creation of *Citizens*. Imrie and Quinn have been travelling the country for six months, determined to get the precise flavour of their various locations. They toured south London estate agents to find just the right house for their five young sharers, and they photographed it from top to bottom and drew plans, and sent them all to the writers.

Citizens is certainly not going to

fail for want of hard work and commitment — nor of talent. Imrie's track record as a drama producer for BBC Scotland is impressive, and the three writers of the opening episodes — Leigh Jackson, Marcia Kahan and Charlotte Keatley — all have excellent work (and awards) to their name. Jackson is an established radio dramatist and, at present, script editor for *Grange Hill*. Kahan won a Perrier award at the Edinburgh fringe last year, and has had a couple of memorably good plays on Radio 4, and Keatley wrote the stage play *My Mother Said that I Never Should* (soon to be heard on Radio 4) and is this year's winner of the George Devine award for the most promising new playwright.

But it is still hard to imagine what *Citizens* is actually going to be like — despite the relentless trailing on Radio 4. The producers are keeping everybody guessing by releasing no publicity material in advance of broadcast. A programme so different and so complex in form is going to take some weeks to establish itself. And it will be a lot longer before Radio 4 knows whether it has a winner on its hands, or whether that elusive "youth audience" has given it the slip again. Many fingers will be crossed at Broadcasting House when the first episode goes out next Tuesday.

BYLINES

Juggling with figures

Just how deep is Owen Oyston's pocket? And how long can he go on subsidizing the *News on Sunday*? The flamboyant mogul who now controls the paper and was until recently chairman of Lancashire's Red Rose Radio was thought to have received £30 million when he sold his chain of estate agents to Royal Insurance last year. But the true figure is reported to be much less: around £10 million (taxable) in cash, plus a further £10 million tied up for the time being in Royal shares. What is more, other members of the Oyston family, who had stakes in the estate agency, may have claims on the money.

This has not prevented Oyston from pursuing an ambitious programme of investment. He has so far put more than £1.5 million into the struggling *News on Sunday*, £1.4 million into Capital Radio, and an undisclosed sum into 48 per cent of Blackpool FC, which has debts of £600,000 and stands that have been condemned by Lancashire County Council.

He is also chairman of two cable television channels which will each require around £30 million investment before they are up and running. Oyston himself was said to be abroad this week and unavailable for comment, but last weekend he bet £15,000 with William Hill at 20-1 on Blackpool winning promotion next season: he may well need the proceeds.

Camera cases

National newspaper editors are to be asked to chip in £1,000 apiece "no more than expenses on a short foreign trip" to fund a European court case in defence of Press freedom. Tim Crook, Old Bailey correspondent for LBC and a noted campaigner in the field, wants to challenge judges' right to hold entire cases in camera. He has already persuaded the Government, in a similar case, to reform the Contempt of Court Act to give journalists a right to judicial review when judges impose a reporting ban, but he lacks the cash to fight another case unaided.

Drug bust

An embarrassing gaffe — his second this year — by the *New York Times Magazine* has brought retribution on its editor Edward Klein. He resigned "by mutual agreement" with the managing editor Max Frankel on Sunday. His departure is being seen as the price for the publication last July of a two-page colour spread of a dramatic drug busting operation in Miami as an illustration to a feature on that city. The picture was in fact a four-year-old staged shot for an advertisement by a defence equipment manufacturer. Klein had been editor of the colour weekly since 1977.

Talking head

Fleet Street's royal watchers are still agog after TV-am's scoop interview with the Queen last week, when reporter Adam Boulton thrust a microphone under her nose for an impromptu interview. Regulars on the royal beat like the *Mirror's* James Whitaker and the *Sun's* Harry Arnold are adamant that only an outsider like Boulton could have got away with it. The Queen probably didn't mind, they say, but the Palace certainly did, and if any regular had tried it he would never have received any help from the Palace again. Anyway, says Whitaker, he once had an exclusive interview of his own: "She said: 'Why don't you leave me alone?'"

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Without the crane, it is the view observed by Sir Christopher Wren as he sat in the house, then The Cardinal's Wharf, and watched St Paul's Cathedral under construction, making sure all the proportions were right.

The tavern is said to have been given the name in 1482 when Cardinal Beaufort, Bishop of Winchester, returned from Rome with his new cardinal's hat and landed at the river steps outside. A plaque on the front of the house also records the visit in 1502 of Catherine of Aragon as she arrived there on her way to marry Henry VIII's brother, Prince Arthur.

Edward Alleyn, actor and friend of Shakespeare, wrote in his diaries that "a man eats at the Cardinal's Wharf the best food on the South Bank", though what choice there was is not recorded. But it stands close to the site of the Globe Theatre, where Sam Wanamaker's recreation is to be built, and thus the association with Shakespeare himself is all but proved.

The property has been a private house for 200 years and has been owned for the last 17 of them by Guy Munthe, who bought it in a derelict state after squatters had used it for some time.

Mr Munthe has painstakingly restored the house to retain its original appearance. He invariably heats it with log fires

and lights it with candles so that it assumes the atmosphere of yesterday.

The house has many fine features, including oak panelling and flooring, open fireplaces and ornate mantels. It is on five floors, with a reception hall, a drawing room, a dining room, a library, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Here Mr Munthe keeps a somewhat eccentric collection of skulls, the mummified body of, possibly, an Elizabethan cat, and a shrunken head.

On the top floor there is a self-contained staff flat with a roof terrace. It is occupied at present by Alan Parkes, who is described as a butler, but is more a gentleman's gentleman as Jeeves was — and all those who say Jeeves was a butler are wrong.

Mr Parkes has been looking after Mr Munthe and the house, for four years, and comes with the property if the new owner wishes.

The house has a walled garden at the back, overlooked only by the looming shape of the Bankside power station, while its windows look over the Thames, combining privacy with a wonderful view. The proposed new Globe Theatre and museum next to it have been designed to ensure the house's privacy.

Stephan Miles-Brown, of Knight Frank & Rutley, says: "Cardinal's Wharf is an ideal gentleman's residence, complete with butler and therefore perfect for entertaining. It will immediately appeal to someone with taste and a keen interest in English history."

It is likely that if a private individual does not buy it, the house could be bought by a company for entertaining. Such a property is difficult to value, and the agents are looking for offers around £1 million.

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The Globe Barn at St Ives, near Liskeard in south-east Cornwall, is to be sold. But it already has a resident, who will stay on — an owl. In granting planning permission the local council has advised that the building "is currently occupied by an owl, and they would be prepared to include a RSPB nest box as part of the renovation works".

The barn, close to St Ives rectory, is in a rural setting, and a scheme has been proposed for its conversion to provide a house with two reception rooms and four bedrooms. It stands in more than an acre, and it is to be situated at Liskeard on October 27 by Stratton and Holborow.

The Old Forge at Combe Florey, one of the most sought-after villages around Taunton, Somerset, is a listed former medieval hall house from the late 1500s. A first floor was added in the Tudor times, and in the past few years the property it has been carefully

restored. It has three reception rooms and four bedrooms, and the grounds of more than an acre include a substantial sandstone barn, which has planning consent for conversion into a three-bedroom house. Humbers and Radson Tarr and More, of Dunster, are seeking offers around £225,000.

Mythet Place, at Mythet, near Farnborough, Surrey, dates from about 1700, with 19th-century additions, and remained in private ownership until it was purchased by the War Department in 1912. Since then it has had various uses.

For two years from 1941 it was the home of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, who was held there for extensive questioning. The house stands in about 11 acres, with a stable block converted for teaching use, and a gate lodge. It has latterly been the headquarters of the Army Medical Services Territorial Army. Knight Frank & Rutley says the property, which needs restoration, could be used as a nursing home, a school or a training centre, or could be converted for private residential use. It wants offers of more than £250,000.

Llangof Castle in Llyswen, Powys, built between 1315 and 1319 by Sir Hugh Williams-Ellis, has been sold after previously unsuccessful forays on the market. Its new owner is Sir Bernard Ashley, chairman of Adam Ashley. Sir Bernard paid more than the £150,000 asking price for the Grade II listed building, which incorporates a Tudor-style building with part of the original 13th-century house.

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Hy House, at Longport, near Farnington, Oxfordshire, stands on the edge of the village with grand views of White Horse Hill. The house, originally a farmhouse, dates from 1720 and has three reception rooms and six bedrooms. The gardens of half an acre are laid out in a formal style. Although Hy House is in a rural position, it is only 20 minutes' drive from Swindon station. Drexel's Estate Agents is seeking offers around £225,000.

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GOLF: THE LITTLE BIG MAN WHO IS ANYTHING BUT WOOLLY

How the sleeping giant in Woosnam woke up

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

The rise and rise of little Ian Woosnam can be traced to the practice ground at Port Harcourt. There, in 1982, in the searing heat of Nigeria, ironically known as the "Giant of West Africa", the 5ft 4in Welshman took a decision that would transform his life.

"I was practising for a program prior to the Nigerian Open," Woosnam recalls. "I was hitting the ball as straight as an arrow. I must have looked one of the best. But I saw other guys hitting it all over the place who knew always beat me on the golf course. I realized then I had become too serious. I was mesmerized by chasing perfection and I had forgotten how to go on to the course and enjoy myself."

"I decided that for the next few weeks on the Safari circuit I would enjoy every minute. If I made a few bogeys then I vowed not to let them twist my mind. I realized I had been a fool and that it was time to accept the good with the bad. I convinced myself then that I would make a name for myself."

The initial result of that wise self-counselling had been lost in the sands of time. In fact, Woosnam, whose official winnings in Europe the previous year had amounted to the princely sum of £1,884, returned home with a king's ransom. He had earned more than £25,000 with a series of high finishes that included being beaten by David Jagger only after a play-off for the Nigerian Open.

What Woosnam has never forgotten is the importance of extracting every ounce of pleasure from the game. It is why he is today the most exciting player on the fairways.

Women's tour tends to burn a hole in one's pocket

By Patricia Davies

The morning after she qualified for the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour in the United States, Trish Johnson took herself and her hanger-on to a restaurant and ordered a steak. "I could be up to my ears in fines next season," she groaned. "If you breathe, you get fined, it seems."

Apart from fines, Miss Johnson and fellow-qualifiers, Caroline Pierce and Liselotte Neumann, not to mention Laura Davies, the United States women's Open champion, will have to shell out for transport, accommodation, entrance fees and caddies to the tune of some thousand dollars a week. There is also food to consider, bearing in mind the adage "eat junk, play junk". Consuming something more nourishing than the ubiquitous hamburger pushes the price up and if they choose, as most of the players do, to stay in hotels rather than in motels, the weekly expenditure will be rather more with hotels ranging from \$35 (about £11) to \$70 a night.

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The international members of the tour have to play in at least 15 events and may well play more. Kathy Whitworth, one of the game's big names is 100th on this year's money list with earnings of only \$18,653 (£11,200). Marci Buzsaki, another big name, is fifth with \$52,514 (£31,700) and Betsy King, former winner of the British Women's Open, is first with \$442,010 (£264,700). They have played at least 25 events and it is only the superstar, Nancy Lopez, who is the minimalist *par excellence*. She has won \$204,833 (£122,800) from 18 starts but she is an exception.

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Selections

By Mandarin

- 2.00 Calapez.
2.35 Miss Nero.
3.10 MRS MUCK (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.35 Miss Nero. 4.20 Bright Dream. 5.25 HILL'S PAGEANT (nap).
The Times Private Handicap's top rating: 5.25 HILL'S PAGEANT.

Going: good

2.0 ROBBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,618; 2m) (11 runners)

1	11 CALAPEZ 57 (F) (R) Miss B Sanders 11-3	S Sherrwood	57
2	1111 KINGSWOOD RESCUE 35 (F) (R) Miss B Sanders 11-3	S Sherrwood	57
3	2111 DAFFODIL 44 (F) (R) Miss B Sanders 11-3	S Sherrwood	57
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FORM CALAPEZ (11-3) has been in the money in 11 of 12 starts, including a win at 2m at Fontwell (2m, 22.50, good to firm, Aug 25, 87).
2.35 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (2m) (19 runners)

1	10400-1 MERRY JANE 35 (F) (R) Miss B Sanders 11-3	S Sherrwood	57
2	10400-1 MERRY JANE 35 (F) (R) Miss B Sanders 11-3	S Sherrwood	57
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SQUASH RACKETS

A dynasty ends and another begins with a new J Khan

By Colin McQuillan

It is three weeks short of a year since former came from Toulouse of Jahangir Khan's first defeat in five and a half years and the consequent loss of his world title to Ross Norman, of New Zealand.

Now he has been frustrated in a second championship campaign, this time by his young Pakistani compatriot, Jahangir Khan, in the semi-finals of the ICI Perspex World Open Championships in Birmingham, suffering in the process his fifth defeat in that 12-month period.

Three of those five humiliations have been successively at the hands of Jahangir, aged 18, who beat Jahangir 3-0 in Hong Kong, 3-2, 9-7, 9-7 in 108 minutes on the all-transparent Perspex court at the National Exhibition Centre. The other defeat was in Sydney last July by Australia's Rodney Martin, who lost the other semi-final in Birmingham to his national team colleague, Chris Dittmar, 10-9, 9-2, 4-9, 9-4 in 77 minutes.

"Don't worry, it's not the end for me," Jahangir said yesterday. "I still have the ambition to win nine British Open titles to beat Geoff Hunt's record. That will become my main purpose now."

This phenomenal athlete,

who until last November appeared unshakable at the top of world squash, will not reach his 24th birthday for another two months. "I am strong and fit, I am recovered from some injuries. Now I must go away and work hard to put Jahangir back in his proper place."

The last time Jahangir made that decision, in honour of his brother, Torsan, who died of a heart attack on an Australian squash court, he returned to tournament play with such relentless fitness and accuracy that he won the best part of his five-and-a-half-year undefeated reign he was never required to play the full five games.

He is perhaps even stronger now but he lacks the fine condition of his premier days. According to his cousin and coach, Rahmat Khan, he has not been able to train properly all year. "Injuries and business commitments have kept us from completing the eight build-ups that made Jahangir so match-fit for his tournament appearances."

That sharpness belonged to Jahangir in the Birmingham semi-final. Lean and hungry as a feral cat, this new J Khan is utterly committed to altering the momentum at the head of the world rankings.

"I No. 1 now," he insisted

as he and his coach, Mohamed Yasin, left the semi-final court. It was impossible to deny. His lanky legs had covered the court at astonishing speed and his frail, stick-like arms had rallied, recovered and relentlessly pursued everything that the world could aim at him on a night when he also played at his brilliant best.

Jahangir led 5-1 and 7-4 in the fourth game and believes he was the stronger then. "Jahangir was just pushing the ball back into court. I made mistakes on my drop shots. I would have won in a fifth game. The score does not show how close I was to him."

The crux of the match may have been at 7-8 in the 35-minute third game when Jahangir refused to agree that his racket struck Jahangir's face and this apparent gamesmanship took the mind of the more experienced player away from the main contest.

A balustrade and a state of Urdu conversation followed a penalty stroke awarded against Jahangir but Jahangir looked back defiantly as he tied up the rest of the game.

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Khan-Khan: Jahangir, the leader of the clan, leading Jahangir yet another merry dance

TENNIS

Wood ventures bravely into new territory

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The best of the bad news from the Vitoria Classic at Brighton yesterday concerned a British defeat. That is often the case, whatever and wherever the tournament. The latest example is Clare Wood, aged 19, who saved six match points before Isabelle Demongeot, ranked 118 places higher, beat her 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Miss Wood, playing in her home country for the first time, level of competition but learned as she went along and, for two sets, played the St Tropez blonde on even terms. But the disparity in their experience of treacherous clay-court play was ultimately crucial. In the third set Miss Wood had two points for a 4-2 lead, and came within a point of winning four of the games she lost.

In short, Miss Demongeot was wise and considerate in playing the rallies that most mattered. That was as predictable as Miss Wood's frequent naivete in trying to deal with tactical ploys thrust upon her at short notice. At such moments experienced players react instinctively. Miss Wood cannot yet do that. But her ability was evident.

The first result to confound the world rankings was anything but satisfactory. Miss Demongeot's compatriot, Pascale Paradis, beat Britain's most highly-ranked player, Anne Hobbs, by 6-2, 6-3. Miss Paradis once ranked sixth in the world (a level Miss Hobbs has never attained), and in 1984, she reached the semi-finals of the Brighton tournament.

This time Miss Paradis performed to quality, but yesterday's performance was a throwback to better days. By contrast Miss Hobbs,

warrior and fighter in one, was too inhibited to maintain her normal form, never mind her best form. The evidence suggested that Miss Hobbs was trying to shorten her usually prolonged serving ritual. Her concentration on that may have affected the rest of her game.

An old chum, Mima Jandousova, briefly took the place of past glories. French, Italian, and German championships — before she was beaten 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 by Nathalie Tauziat, 11 years her junior, who is the most highly-ranked player in France. Miss Jandousova, an inch smaller than Ian Woosnam, plays interclub tennis for Heidelberg, is joint owner of a tennis club in Zagreb, and is presently planning to open a boutique and get married.

The doubles draw is notable for the presence of three pairs who have achieved prominence in this year's grand slam tournaments: Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil, Svetlana Parkhomenko and Larisa Savchenko, and Miss Hobbs and Betsy Nagelsen. Miss Nagelsen, like Jandousova, is married, but still uses her maiden name. It avoids confusion.

This, after all, is the entertainment business. How would the public have coped with the potential nominal chaos of Zina Garrison and Elizabeth Taylor, who have changed husbands as often as most people change houses?

RESULTS: First Round: L. Bander (USA) vs I. Jandousova (CZE) 7-5, 6-4; M. Jandousova (CZE) vs Z. Garrison (USA) 6-2, 6-4; E. Taylor (GB) vs R. McNeil (USA) 6-2, 6-4; S. Parkhomenko (UKR) vs L. Savchenko (UKR) 6-2, 6-4; A. Hobbs (GB) vs P. Paradis (FRA) 6-2, 6-3; C. Wood (GB) vs I. Demongeot (FRA) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

FOOTBALL: RANGERS WILL BE HOPING FOR A MEASURED PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE POLISH CHAMPIONS IN THE EUROPEAN CUP

Aberdeen look to their blend

By Clive White

Tom Jones might be a big star in most of our towns, but the arrival of the Welshman at the Wemyssville stadium for the first time in his new role as manager of the club, was a surprise. Neither was the signing of one Gary Hackett, from Sturbridge, viewed as a particularly great coup. With Aberdeen's rivals, Rangers, collecting season ticket sales faster than the most avid autograph hunter, the local supporters could be excused for feeling a bit left out of things.

But Aberdeen, who play Feyenoord in the second round of the UEFA Cup at Pittodrie today, have always typified the canny Scot, preferring to sell rather than buy. Ian Forster, their manager of almost two years, has maintained this prudent attitude, though he did have to find £350,000 to buy Peter Nicholas, from Luton Town, during the close season.

Despite their reluctance to match Rangers in the marketplace, they have proved more than a match in the League, and led the premier division this month until a poverty in front of goal overtook them.

Like any self-respecting Scotsman, they consider a fine blend of paramount importance. With youth represented by the likes of McKenna, Robertson and Joe Miller, and experience offered by Willie Miller, McLeish, Leighton, Nicholas, Dods and Bell, one could say that Aberdeen are well on the way to achieving it.

One has to turn over many more pages of *Aberdeen* to read of Feyenoord's last great success than those of Aberdeen. These days they manage the Dutch league and cup double three years ago. Feyenoord these days have had to accept third-best since the rise of PSV Eindhoven; Ajax nearly always had the edge over them.

Feyenoord won 1-0 away against Utrecht at the weekend with a goal by Dave Mitchell, whom Willie Miller bought from the World Cup play-off games that Scotland had with Australia.

Aberdeen, who struggled to beat Bohemians, of Dublin, 1-0 over two legs in the first round, need to recapture their goal-scoring touch tonight. Their only doubt concerns Connor, a mid-field player, who has a nagging knee injury. If he can gain a comfortable lead, a defence in which Leighton has kept 18 blank score-sheets in 12 games, should serve them well in Rotterdam in a fortnight's time.

Souness's return as captain attracts a capacity crowd

By Roddy Farquhar

Rangers retreated to the Clyde coast at Turnberry yesterday to prepare for the second round of the European Cup.

Because of their repeated domestic suspensions, Rangers find that European matches allow them rare chances to field their full playing strength or something like it, so it is almost essential to report that ticket for tonight's encounter with Gornik, the Polish champions, are sold out. The 44,500 spectators who will fill Ibrox will see a Rangers side including Woods, Burrows and Souness, although Richard Gough will have to content himself as an onlooker, having been brought North from Spurs long after the August signing deadline for the first two rounds of the tournament.

Rangers trained at Ibrox in the morning before moving to the seaside for their final preparations and ironically Saturday's notorious scenes may work in their favour.

Gornik had the Derby game watched and quite naturally believe that Rangers will come to them.

The game will also be the last for Steve Walsh, the central defender, unless he decides to appeal against the six-match ban imposed by the Football Association for an incident that resulted in the Glasgow forward, David Gaddis, receiving a fractured jaw in the opening game of the season.

The full back, Gary Fleming, of Nottingham Forest, who has been out of action since September 23 because of a thigh strain, is again coming back by playing for the reserves in the Central League match against the Derby County reserves at the City Ground tonight.

Crystal Palace will be without their defender, David Burke, who is suspended for the game at Aston Villa. Gary Neill and Gary Stebbing are available for selection, after recovering from injury.

The Football Trust are giving a grant of £60,000 to Aston Villa towards the cost of their new £500,000 indoor cricket facility.

on strong physically tonight. In fact, with Souness in charge the Scots are expected to play a technically skilful game with the ball played to feet and possession carefully maintained.

Meanwhile, the only Scottish team playing abroad in the first leg of the UEFA Cup, Celtic, are expected to play a more defensive game against the Polish champions, Gornik, at the City Ground. The manager, Alex Smith, has assembled a squad which consists of the team which drew against the Czechs on Saturday and also includes the influential Tony Fitzpatrick, who is recovering from flu but who is expected to be ready.

St Mirren, who hardly covered themselves in glory with a first round aggregate victory of 1-0 over the part-time Norwegian players of Tromso, are nevertheless in confident mood about their prospects against Mochelen, partly prompted by the Scottish international, David Gaddis, who scored a hat-trick in their victory over Belgium at Hampden last week. The manager, Alex Smith, has

Real are wary of threat from Porto

Agencies — Real Madrid's brimming confidence will be matched by respect for their opponents when they meet the holders, Porto, in the outstanding first leg of the second round of the European Cup in Valencia tonight.

After a spectacular run of wins at the start of the Spanish league season and an impressive first round triumph over Italian champions Napoli, the winners Real could not afford to approach the game in a better frame of mind.

But as their astute Dutch coach, Leo Beenhakker, has confirmed, they know also that they face their most demanding match of the season so far when they take on the skilful, counter-attacking Portuguese team. However, they will probably need to rely heavily on defence in the first leg — to this end they have dropped their veteran forward, Gomes.

The match will take place in Valencia as a sanction against Real after crowd trouble at their Champions' Cup semi-final last season against Bayern Munich.

Memories of glory days will come flooding back when Hamburg and Ajax, of Amsterdam, two of the greatest clubs in the history of European football,

Bradford players show faith

By Ian Ross

The notion that Bradford City players are prepared to undertake their attempts to win promotion to the first division by selling off their leading players can be dismissed. Terry Dolan, who has led the club to the top of the second division, remains adamant that no one will be allowed to leave Valley Parade — however enticing any offer may be.

Indeed, Dolan will be looking to strengthen his small but dedicated senior squad in the weeks ahead.

"I can state, quite categorically, that no one will be leaving Bradford City," Dolan said. "My players happy to stay and try to win promotion. They would not have signed new contracts had they not been happy."

"We are looking to bring some new players in. The squad here is not very big and we have lost a couple of players through injury in recent weeks."

Bradford will face an inconsistent Manchester City side tonight before a 16,000-well-crowded at Valley Parade ground extensively rebuilt in the wake of the 1985 fire tragedy. But while Dolan continues to gaze into the future with justifiable optimism, his nearest Rovers counterpart, Mel Machin, readily admits he faces a daunting task as he bids to restore Manchester City's first division status at the first attempt.

"I know when I first took over that it would be a long job. We have improved since I arrived but we still have a very long way to go," Machin said. "We couldn't really have a suffer test than this particular game because Bradford are playing exceptionally well at the moment. I am not too surprised to see them at the top of the table because they have already proved that they can defend well and also score goals."

Paul Moonen, aged 20, the Manchester City forward, has sustained a broken leg for a fourth time and will have it encased in plaster for four to six weeks.

A painting of Bill Shankly, stolen after a Liverpool Football Club dinner at Anfield, was last night returned undamaged by shamefaced, anonymous thieves. The oil painting was handed over by a group of five young men who called at the Liverpool offices of the former manager, Joe Fagan, the answer to the door yesterday afternoon to meet the men who handed over the painting and a note of apology.

Meeting to discuss media 'hostility'

By Dennis Signy

A top-level meeting is planned to discuss the rift between football managers and players and some members of the media, a relationship that Gordon Taylor, the players' leader, described yesterday as "hostile".

The idea for the meeting came from Eddie Funnell, the chairman of the Football League Executive Staffs Association, and chief executive of Watford, who met with Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).

When the Football Writers' Association (FWA) was invited to take part, Joe Melting, the chairman, welcomed the suggestion that the media and the players should be brought together and a top representative of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).

All parties seem agreed there is a worsening problem, caused in the main by a circulation war among the tabloid newspapers. Flimley said: "My members are concerned about standards and we are not alone. It is time for us all to pull together. If we are not careful, we will pull further apart."

Taylor was more explicit. His concern is that the hostility between the media and the players could lead to bans on journalists and a complete lack of communication from managers and players.

"Unless something is done, the hostile relationship between football and the media could be intensified," he said. "This would be unfair on the vast majority of the media, and all for the sake of a few headlines and mud-slinging at the moment and it is caused by substantial amounts of money being offered in proportion to the mud-slinging offered in return."

The PFA works closely with the Football Association and the League in an effort to improve the image of the game and imposes strict disciplinary codes.

Taylor's association fought to achieve greater freedom of

speech for players in 1981 — "that includes freedom to criticise but not to mud-sling and there is an overriding clause about bringing the game into disrepute".

The PFA include a section advising participants how to work with the media for the good of football. "We tell them they can't run away," Taylor added. "Young players on the Youth Training Scheme programme are also advised how to deal with the media."

"It is part of the business of being a player," Taylor said. "My job is to improve the image of professional footballers. I have always been fairly representative of the media and I am more aware than I that football should be very grateful for the vast coverage given. We are not baying our heads in the wind, it is not an office in a mud-slinging war. At times the game wants it all, one way. Many players, though, feel they have been conned, exploited or misquoted."

"There have been kiss-and-tell players over the years. Before the abolition of the maximum wage, you could understand someone who was hard up giving a story, not now. Certain recent articles have upset a lot of our members."

Melting said: "Press relationships with clubs are at a low ebb. There is acute distrust on both sides. There are major differences and no easy solutions. We are happy to talk. Many of our members are concerned about working conditions at many football grounds."

As a former chairman of the FWA, and secretary for 17 years, my feeling is that relationships have never been worse. Irving, Schuster, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, and David Platt, the manager, both concerned about the widening rift, recently invited me to talk to their coaching staff and players on the Press. The session showed hostility to papers in general, although the anger was directed at some of the tabloids.

SNOOKER

Wilkinson wins case in camera

By Steve Acton

Gary Wilkinson, aged 21, in his first year as a professional, marked his initial appearance in front of the television cameras with a surprising 5-3 victory over the Welsh and South African, Francisco, of South Africa, in the fourth round of the Rothmans Grand Prix in Reading yesterday.

Wilkinson led 4-3, and although Francisco made a 48 break, the Englishman, Wilkinson produced a clearance of 64 to complete his victory.

A below-par performance by Stephen Hendry, aged 18, of Scotland, was still too good for another newcomer, Jim Chambers, but the 5-1 scoreline handed Hendry as he moved into the last 16.

The format of the world team championships in Bourne-mouth next spring has been changed, and as a consequence Eugene Hughes has almost certainly been denied his chance of winning three titles in succession. Hughes has partnered Dennis Taylor and Alex Higgins for the last two years, but the custom of allowing the defending country to field a team has been changed. Instead of all Ireland A and B teams, there will now be Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland teams.

Joe Hughes now joins Paddy Browne and Joe O'Boyle in the Republic side.

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A sweeping reverse for England

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Karachi

That abomination of the modern game, the reverse sweep, could well have cost England their World Cup match with Pakistan here yesterday. From the moment that Athey was bowled while attempting it, the game changed course, Pakistan finishing up as comfortable winners by seven wickets with an over to spare.

With a third-wicket partnership of 135 in 24 overs, Athey and Gatting had put England within reach of a total that Pakistan would have been hard pressed to equal. But no sooner was Athey out than Gatting followed him and Pakistan's eventual target of 245, on the flattest of pitches, always looked inadequate, especially when Rameez, who made an admirable 100, survived two straightforward chances, to Gatting at square leg when he was six and to Athey at wide and fairly short mid-on when 62.

The time came when the crowd gave England their best chance of saving the game. Although Pakistan were making steady progress towards victory, stones began to be thrown on to the field midway through the afternoon. When Gatting presented one of them, a particularly jagged sample, to the umpire, play was halted while appeals for sanity were broadcast. One wondered, inevitably, whether England would have been allowed to win had they come anywhere near to doing so.

Any consolation from what turned into a very disappointing day is that they can still qualify for the semi-finals, but to do so they will almost certainly have to win their two remaining qualifying matches — against West Indies and Sri Lanka, both of them in India next week. Pakistan are certain of doing so now and well they deserve to. They played excellently again yesterday, taking full advantage of a sudden English sloppiness three parts of the way through their innings and making no similar mistakes themselves until the match was as good as over.

It was a marvellously colourful scene, the sky a



dome of pale blue, the outfield greener than I have ever seen it in Karachi, the grass sparkling with dew for the first eight or 10 overs and bobbing with wags. What a commotion, too. One of Pakistan's trio of fast bowlers — strapping craters, all of them — had only to glance towards the women's stand for hysteria to break out. In the first over the crowd should have had a wicket to cheer. Yousuf dropping a straightforward chance given by Robinson off Imran. Robinson had replaced Broad and Foster was fit again, Pringle making way for him.

For most of the morning England, having been put in, prospered. Gooch looked in his best form yet until he

mishook Imran high to long leg and Robinson had begun to find his game when he was bowled, trying to late-cut Qadir's quicker ball. One's reservations about Athey coming in first wicket down were to be allayed. He took eight off his first over and then straight-drove Tauseef for the sweetest of sixes. Taken as a whole, the partnership between Athey and Gatting was an estimable piece of batting, marred only by its ending.

After 25 overs England were 104 for two and for 10 overs after that the tempo was stepped up. If Salim Malik, bowling seven overs of gentle nothings, was let off a trifle lightly, England were going to be disappointed with anything less than 275 when the 37th over began at 179 for two. It was bowled by Tauseef and began with Athey tucking into two nice half-volleys, both pulled for four. Then the aberration — a bad shot at the best of times and despised by no one more than the chairman of the England selectors, one of whose favourites is Athey. Athey had faced 102 balls.

When, two balls later, Gatting spooned up an at-

tempted sweep and was caught at the wicket, Pakistan were like a side relieved. Against batsmen now short of time for playing themselves in, they bowled well. Emburey was leg before, sweeping at Qadir; Downton was caught at the wicket; and Lamb lost his leg stump, trying to improvise against Imran. In the end it took some uncomplicated blows by Foster and DeFreitas to give them and their fellow bowlers any sort of chance.

All too soon, though, it became clear that England had made too few. Rameez and Salim Malik, coming together when Mansoor was sent back by Rameez and run out by Emburey's return to Hemmings, started to pick up singles with ominous ease, a great many of them towards the boundary fielder at mid-wicket. That was the line of much of England's bowling leg stump and outside, with the batsmen bisecting the two fielders in the circle, one just in front of square leg and the other at wide mid-on, with monotonous regularity. Foster and DeFreitas were tidy enough in their opening spells and Emburey and Hemmings bowled their 20 overs with fair economy; but DeFreitas's last three overs, after he had spent as much time on the loo as on the field, cost 30 runs and Small was unexpectedly expensive.

Rameez scored no fewer than 62 singles and Malik 43. Downton, sporting a black eye from Monday's mishap, made England's midair return look no better than they were, although once he did look to have stumped Rameez with time to spare.

The catch Gatting dropped from Rameez was a real percher and Athey's, though low, was not difficult. Once he had put himself on the boundary, which had come under bombardment, to save anyone else from going there, Gatting rather lost control of his forces. Eventually there were several captains, even Hemmings presiding at one time to try and take over. But those in command were Pakistan's second-wicket pair. Javed was not needed yesterday; that was how much the winners had in hand.

SCOREBOARD FROM KARACHI

Pakistan won toss		ENGLAND		Pakistan	
G A Gooch c Akram b Imran	16	2	30	27	16
R V Robinson b Qadir	16	2	30	27	16
C W J Athey b Tauseef	60	1	3	101	65
M W Gatting c Yousuf b Qadir	9	1	23	15	9
A J Lamb b Imran	9	1	23	15	9
J E Emburey b Imran	9	1	23	15	9
T P R Downton c Yousuf b Imran	9	1	23	15	9
P A J DeFreitas c Yousuf b Imran	13	1	22	15	13
I A Foster not out	0	1	24	24	0
G C Small run out (Mansoor)	0	1	7	1	0
E E Hemmings not out	4	1	7	1	4
Extras (b 7, w 4)	11				11
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	244				244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-52, 3-157, 4-157, 5-192, 6-203, 7-208, 8-230, 9-230. BOWLING: Imran 9-0-37-4 (w 2); Akram 8-0-44-0 (w 2); Tauseef 10-0-46-1; Qadir 10-0-51-3; Jaffer 8-0-44-0; Malik 5-0-35-0.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan won toss		ENGLAND		Pakistan	
Rameez Raja c Gooch b DeFreitas	113	5	22	149	113
Mansoor Jaffer run out (Emburey/Hemmings)	22	0	60	49	22
Salim Malik c Athey b Emburey	68	7	130	92	68
Javed Miandad not out	8	1	12	3	8
Ist Ahmed not out	8	1	12	3	8
Extras (b 6, w 1)	7				7
Total (3 wickets, 40 overs)	247				247

*Imran Khan, Saleem Yousuf, Wasim Akram, Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed and Saleem Jaffer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-226, 3-243. BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-0-41-1; Foster 10-0-51-2; Hemmings 10-1-40-0; Emburey 10-0-34-1; Small 8-0-33-0 (w 1); Gooch 2-0-12-0.

Man of the Match: Imran Khan. Umpires: A Chester (Aus) and V K Ramaswamy (Ind).

The cup that anybody can win

From Alan Lee, Bombay

Imran Khan says that if his Pakistan side do not win the World Cup either the West Indies or England will. Viv Richards shares that belief. But here in India, among the teams who once seemed cast as also-rans, there is a growing weight of opinion that the outcome is nothing like as predetermined.

India, who set out weighed down by pressures, some of them imagined, are looking more convincing each time they take the field. Australia, who arrived so downcast by their recent record that they scarcely dared to believe they would win a game, have undergone the sort of transformation that only a dramatic injection of confidence can provide.

At the half-way stage in the group A fixtures these look sure to be the teams who will qualify for the semi-finals. Either one could go on to win the cup, if for no other reason than that this is a competition without an outstanding team.

The days of swaggering West Indian dominance are gone; they look only half the power of old. Pakistan, the worthy favourites, have undoubted ability still sometimes counteracted by reliable temperament. England are competent and well organized, yet hardly more than an ordinary side. The attraction of this World Cup is that the standard of the teams is so closely matched, even if sometimes matched in mediocrity, that anything is possible.

Having predicted a fortnight

ago that Australia would do much better than was widely expected, their unbeaten record is some cause for satisfaction, even if they have twice rescued apparently lost causes; but in beating India by one run and New Zealand by three runs they have revealed a character that will serve them well.

Australia do not have a storm-proof bowling attack. McDermott has been with the new ball and the spinners are vulnerable; but O'Donnell and Wang have been admirable as the support seamers and Australia have got by on the strength of their early batting.

Boon and Marsh have become a proficient opening pair and Jones is approaching world class at No. 3. In the three games so far this trio

have shared 409 runs. Border has seen too many false dawns during his painful reign as captain even to hint at over-confidence now but the relief is evident both from him and from Bob Simpson, whose long-term contract as cricket manager was beginning to attract cynical muttering.

As for India, vivid batting and high-class spin bowling have replaced the nagging swing bowling which served them so well four years ago. They suffer a little from their own smothering supporters, not to mention the Indian predilection for red tape, but if they can beat Australia in Delhi tomorrow they ought to win this group and avoid the semi-final clash with Pakistan in Lahore that they would hate almost as much as the organizers.



Causing a stone at England: Athey triggers his country's collapse with a reverse sweep after his forward-looking partnership with Gatting, who appealed for sanity as he presented an umpire (below) with a missile that was aimed at Emburey (Photographer: Graham Morris)

CUP DETAILS

Group A		P	W	L	Tie	Rate
Australia	5	3	0	2	0	5.41
India	5	2	1	2	0	5.13
New Zealand	5	1	1	3	0	5.18
Zimbabwe	5	0	3	2	0	3.42

REMAINING MATCHES (Pakistan unless stated): Today (Karachi): India v Australia; Oct 22 (Calcutta): New Zealand v Zimbabwe; Oct 23 (Ahmedabad): India v Zimbabwe; Oct 24 (Chandigarh): Australia v New Zealand; Oct 25 (Calcutta): Australia v Zimbabwe; Oct 26 (Rajkot): India v New Zealand.

Group B		P	W	L	Tie	Rate
Pakistan	4	4	0	0	0	4.57
England	4	2	0	2	0	5.09
West Indies	4	1	1	2	0	5.44
Sri Lanka	4	0	3	1	0	3.99

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*Top two teams qualify for semi-finals. Where teams have equal number of points, their positions are determined first by number of wins, then by run rate.

SEMI-FINALS: Nov 4 (Lahore): Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A; Nov 5 (Rajkot): Winners Group A v Runners-up Group B. FINAL: Nov 8: Calcutta.

Ibrox players face a police inquiry

By Roddy Forsyth

The ill-tempered scenes during last Saturday's Rangers v Celtic match at Ibrox when three players — Chris Woods and Terry Butcher, of Rangers, and Frank McAvennie, of Celtic — were sent off, are to be the subject of an inquiry by police in Glasgow.

Yesterday the office of the city's procurator-fiscal confirmed that police have been asked to report on incidents on and off the field at Ibrox. There were 62 arrests, mostly for minor offences in and around the stadium.

The fiscal's office would not say whether his action had been prompted by complaints from the public. Excerpts from the game were shown on television in Scotland on Sunday and clearly illustrated the early confrontation between Woods, McAvennie, Butcher and Roberts that resulted in the dismissal of Woods and McAvennie and a booking for Roberts.

Butcher stays in squad

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Terry Butcher has been pushed through a loop-hole in the Football Association's unofficial policy. Even though he will be in the middle of a four-match suspension during England's decisive European championship qualifying tie in Yugoslavia next month, he will not be withdrawn from Bobby Robson's squad.

A statement issued yesterday by Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said: "The FA's decision does not affect the possibility of his selection for the England team."

"Our current policy is not to select players under domestic

suspension for friendly matches. It is pointed out that Terry Butcher will not be suspended from the second leg of the Glasgow Rangers European Cup second round tie on November 4."

The significant word is "friendly". It permits a move that Robson in particular will regard as amicable. The fitness of his most important defender has been protected.

Chris Woods, the Rangers goalkeeper, who was sent off earlier in the same afternoon, has received no more than the automatic one-match ban.

Court hearing for Bugner

By John Goodbody

The most hyped-up heavyweight bout in British boxing history received some unwelcome publicity yesterday when Joe Bugner was presented with an order to appear in court in Cambridge tomorrow.

Bugner, scheduled to meet Frank Bruno at White Hart Lane, London, on Saturday, had earlier disappeared with his second wife, Marlene, down a service lift in a Regents Park hotel in an attempt to prevent a bailiff serving the writ in connection with maintenance for his first wife, Melody.

A second visit by the bailiff succeeded in serving the writ on Bugner. After his previous escape, Bugner had said: "This is a deliberate antagonistic attempt to annoy and upset me just before this fight."

He claimed he was no longer interested in the matter as it had been handed to his solicitor in London. "The money owed to my first wife has been paid, but it is the old story — she just wants more. I expected that."

"The original money has been paid. If it had not been, I would not have been allowed in the country, so I have nothing more to worry about. I'm forgetting it and getting on with thinking about Bruno."

Les House, aged 61, the bailiff, a former paratrooper, had been unperturbed by Bugner's disappearance.

He had warned the Bugner entourage: "If I do not hand over the writ soon, I will slap it on him in the ring. Someone is going to be nicked for obstructing me. I do not give up easily."

House insisted that he had been given permission by the hotel to approach Bugner once a Press conference and photocall had finished. He waited outside the suite where it was being held and did not see Bugner disappear behind the throng of reporters.

Bugner's manager, Bill Morbey, seemed surprised about the affair. He said: "Being done in such a theatrical manner, there must be something behind it."

Barry Hearn denied that the terms and screening time for ITV's coverage of Saturday's Bruno-Bugner contest had been settled.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

York club make deal

York Rugby League club have solved their financial problems at a stroke by selling their Clarence Street ground for £500,000 for housing development. At a rent of £1, they can continue using the ground until May 1989, but informal talks are being held with York City football club on the possibility of ground-sharing.

Prodigal's day

Dmitry Bilozerchev, former world champion but disgraced as a drunken driver two years ago, led his Soviet colleagues, Valeriy Lyukin, Yuri Korolyov and Vladimir Artemov into a commanding lead at the half-way stage of the men's team competition in the world gymnastics championships in Rotterdam.

Kratochvilova: time to coach

Off track

Jarmila Kratochvilova, of Czechoslovakia, double world champion in 1983 at 400 metres and 800 metres, has retired and will concentrate on coaching youth, it was announced in Prague.

Oxford blues

After selling Ray Houghton to Liverpool for £825,000, the Oxford United manager, Maurice Evans, is warning that he might be forced to sell more players to keep the club solvent and avoid relegation.

Slopes please

Mount Allan, the much criticized hill designated as site of the Alpine skiing in next February's Calgary Olympics, has received final approval from FIS, the governing body of ski racing.

Driver's fight

Shakar Mehta, of Kenya, five times winner of the Safari Rally, who was badly injured in a crash in the Pharaoh Rally in Egypt on Monday, was admitted to a Paris hospital for spinal tests yesterday.

END COLUMN

Focus on a case of lost identity

By John Goodbody

Most of the attention yesterday on the latest meeting between the Government and the Football League concerned proposals to introduce breathers at football matches. Yet this only diverted attention from the more significant fact that the Government's plans to introduce membership schemes to all League clubs are in tatters.

It is now nearly two and a half years since the Haysel stadium disaster, and many people in football have forgotten — or chosen not to remember — that in the summer of 1985 the Prime Minister proposed that everyone attending League games should have an identity card, which could be withdrawn if the holder committed an offence. Because of the climate of opinion at the time, the protests of the football authorities against the suggestion were subdued.

They knew that 100 per cent membership schemes would completely change the character of the professional game in England, which relies heavily on casual spectators. They therefore opened discussions with the Government on other methods of eliminating hooliganism, and in these politicians' memories became hazy at the memory of Brussels.

Reduced demands yielded little

Their demands dropped to 70 per cent and finally to 50 per cent of the grounds' capacities, which seemed to be agreed with the League on February 23. But as *The Times* revealed in August, only 13 clubs had fulfilled this measure by the start of the season.

Philip Carter, the League president and chairman of Everton, said this week that there had been "a misunderstanding" and that the League had always worked to 50 per cent of home spectator accommodation, a far smaller proportion than 50 per cent of the ground capacity. Even so, more than 40 clubs had not fulfilled this less stringent requirement.

The police, staunch allies of the Football League, have great reservations about the introduction of large-scale membership schemes. They informed many clubs that membership schemes, even limited to 50 per cent of the home spectator accommodation, would exacerbate problems of hooliganism. Only nine of the League's 92 clubs have been asked to meet the Government and the Football League to clarify why they have not introduced the measures.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has inherited an agreement from his predecessor, Dick Tracy, which is unworkable. It is understandably loath to override the views of the police — who are largely responsible for crowd control — and insist on the agreement being carried out. What is extraordinary is that the agreement could ever have been made without obtaining police support.

Police anxiety was still not allayed

David Phillips, the assistant chief constable of Manchester, represented the Association of Chief Police Officers at the February meeting. He had reservations that were outlined in an article in *The Times* in January. They included the difficulties of controlling the allocation of identity cards, incidents away from grounds, which were now more common than at the stadiums, and how the scheme would work for away supporters.

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